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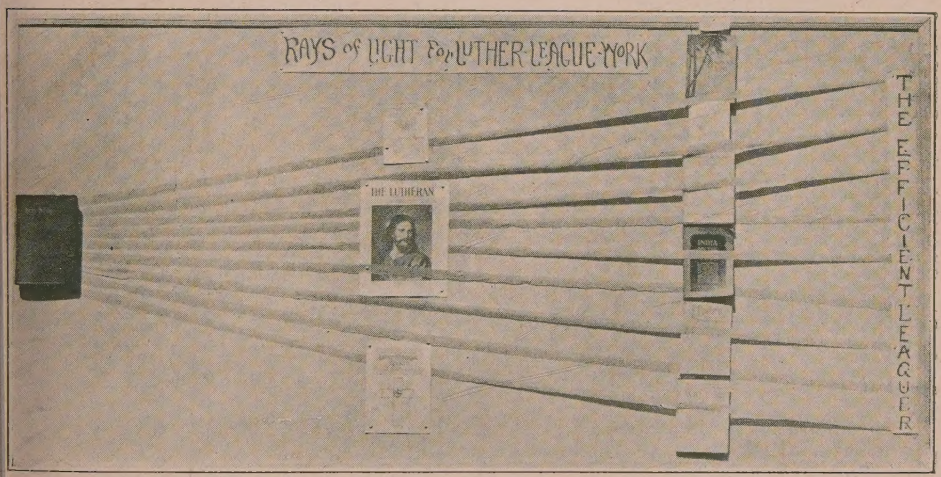

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How Do You Spend Your Time?

WHAT is your time actually worth? Comparatively speaking, it is usually worth as much as the world is willing to pay for it. If you are paid $5 or more or less each day, and you receive that amount with regularity, you may safely say that that is the amount in exchange value of your time each day.

Of course, you are spending money in exchange for certain commodities, but aren't you actually exchanging *your* time for the time of someone else? Every time you are spending money, you are actually spending that certain proportion of your time productively engaged.

If, therefore, you could supply everything you needed through the use of your own hands, you would not need money. Money is merely a convenient method of exchange and a standard whereby the world's estimate of the productiveness of one's time can be measured.

If, on the other hand, you contribute the money equivalent of your time to a worthy cause, you in a sense really employ someone else to do something for that worth-while cause which you can not conveniently or perhaps do as effectively.

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Treasurer, Luther League of America.

Constitution for Luther Leagues

CONSTITUTION FOR A LOCAL LUTHER LEAGUE

Article I—Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of ————————.

Article II—Objects.

The objects of the League shall be those of the Luther League of America, viz.: Education, Missions, Life Service, and through these to quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith; to produce in each member fidelity to his own church, and to increase his usefulness as one of its workers; to help each member to be a true witness for Christ and an efficient teacher of the Gospel.

Article III—Members.

Section 1. The League shall be composed of Active, Associate and Coöperating members.

Sec. 2. Active members shall be persons who are members of an Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Sec. 3. Associate members shall be persons of worthy character who are in sympathy with the principles of the League and who will support its objects. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, except those of voting and holding office.

Sec. 4. Coöperating members shall be persons who for any reason cannot accept the duties of full membership, but who are willing to render financial or other valuable service to the League.

Sec. 5. In view of the relation of the League to the Church, the pastor and the members of the Church Council shall be *ex-officio* Honorary members of the League.

Sec. 6. Membership in the League may be acquired upon written application presented at any business meeting of the League, or upon the recommendation of the proper committee. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to an election.

Article IV—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this League shall be a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, all of whom shall be chosen annually and shall perform the duties usually devolving upon these officers. They shall hold office until their successors are elected. (Note:—It is suggested that the Corresponding Secretary be retained in office permanently or for as many successive terms as possible, in order to avoid changing mailing lists of District, State and National Leagues, except where necessi demands.)

Sec. 2. All the officers shall present a nual reports in writing. The Treasurer a Corresponding Secretary shall make annu reports, respectively, to the Treasurer a Corresponding Secretary of the Distri League, and to the Treasurer and Corre sponding Secretary of the State Leagu The report of the Corresponding Secretar shall include statistics. Immediately afte the annual election of officers, the Corre sponding Secretary shall send their name and addresses to the Corrsponding Secr taries of the District and State Leagues.

Article V—Committees.

Section 1. There shall be Executiv Membership, Educational, Missionary, Lif Service and Social Committees.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee sh consist of the Vice-president as Chairma and the chairman of each of the oth standing committees. The President a Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of t committee. The Executive Committee sh arrange dates for all meetings not oth wise provided for in this Constitution. shall consider and recommend all measu for the collection and disbursement f funds. It shall nominate a Superintend for both the Junior and the Intermedi Luther Leagues subject to the approval the pastor.

Sec. 3. The Membership Committee sh solicit new members and propose th names for membership. It shall also try stimulate inactive members.

Sec. 4. The Educational Committee sh make all arrangements for the conduct the devotional meetings. It shall sec leaders for such meetings at least month in advance; it shall call said lea ers together for conference and prepar tion of the assigned topics, giving such he and suggestions as are needed. This co mittee shall see that the names of said lea ers with topics assigned and dates a posted on the church and Bible school bu letin boards.

Sec. 5. The Missionary Committee sh enlist the interest and coöperation of t young people in the Missionary and Bene lent interests of the Church. It shall enl the members in the systematic study Christian missions, through the distributi of missionary literature, formation of m sion study classes and monthly missiona meetings of the League.

Sec. 6. The Life Service Committee sh coöperate with the Life Service Committe

the District, State and National Leagues the directing of the thought of the young eople to the service of the Church both as vocation and an avocation. At least twice ch year it shall present (or have pre-nted) to the League the causes of Christ-an stewardship and life service, with defi-te appeals for recruits and shall ncourage and aid the members in the study nd practice of stewardship principles.

Sec. 7. The Social Committee shall in-oduce new members to their associates, nd shall by all rightful means promote quaintance and friendship among the embers. It shall also arrange the social eetings of the League.

Sec. 8. As local conditions may require, her committees may be appointed by the resident. One of the special committees all be a Nominating Committee, whose ty it shall be to propose the name of suitable candidate for each office. This mmittee shall be appointed at the busi-ss meeting next preceding the annual eting. It shall present its report at the nual meeting.

Sec. 9. All standing committees shall esent written reports of the year's work the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI—DUES.

The dues in this League shall be —— nts per month.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS.

Section 1. A devotional meeting, for the udy of the Topics, shall be held each week.

Sec. 2. The regular business meeting all be held on the second Monday (or her week-day evening) of each month. e business meeting of the month of Janu-y shall be the annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Missionary meetings shall be held nthly when the regular missionary topic discussed and mission study classes con-cted as arranged by the missionary com-ttee.

Sec. 4. Social meetings may be arranged times suggested by the Social Committee.

Sec. 5. Special meetings shall be held at call of the President, and he shall call h meetings at the written request of —— members. At least one week's writ-notice of any special meeting shall be en to members.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution not in fflict with the fundamental principles of League, may be made at the annual ting by a two-thirds vote of the mem-s present, provided the proposed amend-t has been presented in writing at two vious business meetings. All members ll receive notice of such proposed amend-nts.

CONSTITUTION FOR AN INTERMEDIATE LUTHER LEAGUE

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be "The Intermediate Department of the Luther League of the ——— Church"; the boys' organization shall be called the Boys' League of the Intermediate Department of the Luther League of the ——— Church; the girls' organization shall be called the Girls' League of the Intermediate Department of the Luther League of the ——— Church.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

It shall be the purpose of this Department of the Luther League to promote the friendship of the boys and girls of the Church and the community in which it is located, to teach them to apply the Christian principles in all they do, and to prepare them for promotion into the Senior Luther League.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERS.

1. Any person between the ages of twelve and sixteen inclusive, may be eligible to membership, either as an active or an associate member.

2. An Active Member, one who is a member of the congregation or Sunday school, is entitled to all privileges.

3. An Associate Member, one who is not a member of the Church or Sunday school, is entitled to all privileges except voting or holding office.

ARTICLE IV—SUPERVISION.

1. The League shall be under the general supervision of the General Superintendent, elected by the Senior Luther League of the ——— Church. The person so elected must be approved by the pastor and the Church Council.

2. The General Superintendent shall have entire oversight of all the activities of the Intermediate League.

3. The General Superintendent shall be responsible to the Senior League, the pastor and the Church Council of the ——— Church. A quarterly report shall be made to the Senior Luther League by this officer.

4. The General Superintendent shall conduct the work of the League on the basis of the fourfold program of devotional, educational, physical, and social activities.

5. The General Superintendent may select and appoint any assistants needed to carry on the work effectively, subject to the approval of the pastor and the Church Council.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS.

1. Regular meetings shall be held on —— of each ———.

2. A business meeting shall be held on

—— of each month. Other meetings of the League may be held as the interests and activities require.

3. All meetings shall be called by the General Superintendent, or by the President at the request of the General Superintendent.

ARTICLE VI—AFFILIATION.

1. This Intermediate League shall become a part of the district or state (synodical) League, thus becoming a part of the Luther League of America.

2. Delegates shall be sent to district or state (synodical) conventions and these delegates shall make a report of the convention at the next meeting.

ARTICLE VII—OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the League shall be selected from the Active Members and shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

2. The duties of these officers shall be in accord with the offices indicated, but especially shall the Secretary be responsible for the records of the meetings, and the Treasurer for dues and moneys received and spent of which reports shall be made to the League.

3. The officers shall be elected semi-annually. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VIII—COMMITTEES.

1. Standing Committees shall be Membership, Devotional Activities, Educational Activities, Physical Activities, Social Activities, Missionary.

2. Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the advice and approval of the General Superintendent.

3. Additional committees shall be appointed in the same way.

ARTICLE IX—DUES.

The dues of this League shall be five cents a month.

ARTICLE X—QUORUM.

One-sixth of the Active Members and the Superintendent, or other appointed adult substitute, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended at any business meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present, providing the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at a previous business meeting. All members shall receive notice of the proposed amendment.

BY-LAWS.

(Order of Business)

Devotional Exercises, Roll Call, Minutes, Dues, Reports, Unfinished Business, New Business, Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUNIOR LU THER LEAGUES

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of this organization shall b THE JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE OF ——— Church of ———.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTS.

The objects of this Junior League shal be:

1. To educate its members in the history teachings, practices and program of ou Lutheran Church.

2. To encourage Bible Reading and Study Prayer, and Church Attendance among its members.

3. To promote a knowledge of mission and a zeal for missionary causes.

4. To better prepare them for entrance into the catechetical class and active church membership.

5. To prepare the members for the Inter mediate and Senior Leagues, by instructin them in the aims and purposes of these or ganizations, and by assisting them to con duct their own meetings and activities.

6. To form an effectual means of servin Jesus our Saviour and to be of service t our Church, we adopt this Constitution.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERS.

1. Any boy or girl of the Church or Su day school or their associates up to thirte years, is eligible to membership in t Junior Luther League.

2. At the age of thirteen, they shall b promoted to the Intermediate Luth League, with appropriate graduation ex cises.

ARTICLE IV—SUPERVISION.

The Junior Luther League shall be und the direction of a Superintendent appoint by the Senior Luther League, subject to t pastor's approval, who shall have full ove sight of its work and report monthly t the Senior League.

The Junior Superintendent shall selec assistants and helpers as may be necessary subject to the approval of the Senior Lu ther League and the pastor. This grou of assistants and helpers shall be know as the Junior Committee of the Senio League, with the Junior Superintendent a its chairman.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS.

The meetings of this Junior League sha consist of:

1. Regular weekly devotional meeting in which the Junior Topics as outlined i the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW by the Luthe League of America are studied, and suc other studies and supplementary work en gaged in as are in harmony with Artic II of this Constitution.

2. Monthly business meetings at whic

business of the society is transacted, s formulated, reports of officers and mittees made, and instruction in meth- of conducting an organization.

Special meetings, such as Christmas, er, Reformation, Thanksgiving, Ral- etc., as the Superintendent may deem sable.

Social meetings at the discretion of the erintendent.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICERS.

The officers of this League shall con- of a President, Vice-President, Record- Secretary, Treasurer, Organist or Pian- and a Literature Secretary.

The President shall preside at all meet- and assist the Superintendent in the ral conduct of the League. He shall -officio a member of all the Committees ne League. The Vice-President shall e in his absence.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate complete record of each meeting in a te book and a correct list of the mem- The Secretary shall also give to the r and Sunday school Superintendent otices of meetings and announcements.

The Treasurer shall receive the offer- at each meeting, and keep a correct d of all receipts and expenditures, re- ng the same at each business meeting. treasurer shall give the money itself he care of the superintendent or one e assistants.

The organist or pianist shall have e of the music, playing the hymns in egular meeting, securing special selec- for some of the meetings, and aiding the musical features.

The Librarian shall have charge of all upplies used, hymn books, Topic ma- etc., shall strive to have the mem- f the society secure subscriptions to UTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, aid the leader e circulation of the Junior Luther e Reading Course, and help in the g up of a library for the society.

ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES.

re shall be a Program, Membership, nary, Social and such other special ittees as the Superintendent may necessary.

The Program Committee shall select gram Leader for each weekly devo- meeting, assist in preparing the program, helping in the distribution s of the program, arranging special s, and rendering whatever assistance to the Program Leader. The Pro- eader shall have charge of the Topic at each meeting, and shall be ar- far enough in advance to permit time for the program to be well planned.

2. The Membership Committee shall secure new members, stimulate inactive members, and render such Christian service (visiting the sick, distributing flowers, etc.) as is possible.

3. The Missionary Committee shall assist in the arranging of the missionary meetings, arrange for special missionary meetings from time to time, help in securing gifts for missionary causes, the preparation of boxes for missionaries, etc.

4. The Social Committee shall prepare the room attractively for all meetings, receive new members and welcome them. This Committee shall aid the Superintendent in arranging all the socials of the League, assist in the decorations, games and serving of refreshments.

ARTICLE VIII—REVENUES.

The revenues of this League shall consist of the voluntary offerings of the members.

ARTICLE IX—AFFILIATION.

1. The Junior League shall become a part of the District or State (Synodical) Luther League, thus becoming part of the Luther League of America.

2. Delegates to the State or District Conventions shall be sent from this Junior League, and a report of the same made at the next convention.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments may be made to this Constitution at any regular business meeting of the League, provided notice of such amendment has been presented in writing at a previous regular meeting, and been approved by the Junior Committee. A two-thirds vote of the members present is required for its adoption.

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MORE DEADLY THAN THE AUTOMOBILE

When you are inclined to lament the destruction of life resulting from the omnipresent automobile, remember that firearms cause twice as many deaths as automobile accidents. Indeed, firearms kill more people than the railroads, and nearly as many as the street cars and railroads combined.

Too many fools handle guns.

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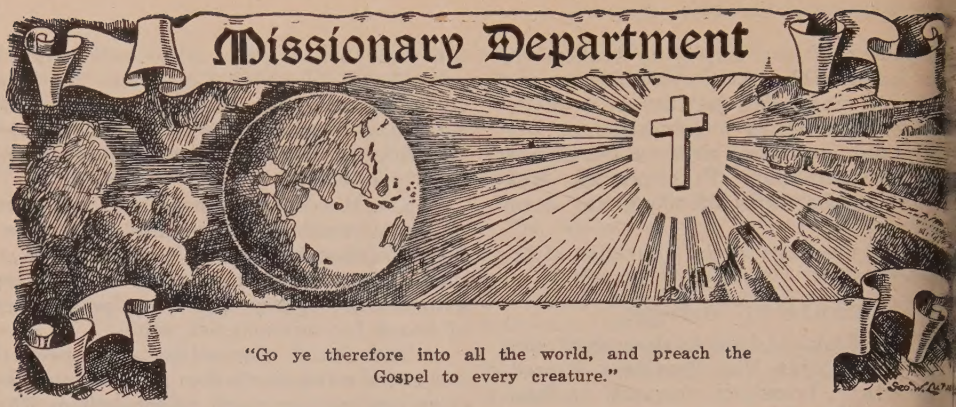
YOUNGER GENERATIONS NOT BAD

Younger generations are never quite so awful as their shocked elders are sure they are becoming. That is a formula as sound as it is old. Manners change rapidly, but morals withstand much jolting, continuing under new guise, but slightly altered in essentials.



1,745 LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

Today there are 580 boys in Kyushu Gakuin, our Lutheran School for boys in Japan. Since the opening of the school 1,745 out of 3,213 applicants had to be turned away because of lack of equipment and accomodations. Think of it—1,745 opportunities lost! There are always twice and sometimes three times as many applicants as can be accommodated. The applicants stand competitive examinations. The names of the boys who are to be admitted are posted on the gymnasium wall. The list is eagerly scanned and many boys who fail to find their names on the list turn away with tears in their eyes and their hearts bitter with disappointment. It means that these boys will be deprived of the opportunity of coming under Christian influence.

No one may calculate the influence which this Christian school has had on nearly 1,500 homes, and through these homes on practically every city and town and village in the surrounding province. We might multiply this Christian influence if we would provide the school with better and enlarged equipment.

Neglected Girls.

Our Church has been in Japan for 30 years. We have organized Sunday schools and built churches. We have established kindergartens. We have built a splendid school for boys, with a theological department for training our ministers. But the link that is entirely missing is a Christian school for girls, to train women teachers and leaders and the future wives and mothers. The Japanese government, which boasts so proudly of its educational system, has not yet given equal place to schools for boys and girls. The standard is lower for girls than for boys. The denominations have schools for girls, the Lutherans have sent our girls to the schools built by other denominations. Some of the results have been that our native workers are lacking in Lutheran consciousness and loyalty and a[re] ignorant of Lutheran doctrine. We ha[ve] been compelled to take girls of other [de]nominations, who have been trained in th[ose] schools, to do our work. Naturally, [we] get the least desirable graduates, for th[ose] who provide the school, of course, have f[irst] choice of workers. If Lutheran work [is] not demand Lutheran trained workers, [we] should not have our own colleges and t[he]ological seminaries in America.

The time has come in our work in Ja[pan] when we may no longer delay the buil[ding] of a school for girls. We can not hop[e] be successful in our work of training [the] children and winning the mothers for Ch[rist] unless we invest in trained Japanese Ch[ris]tian leaders for women. The Chris[tian] education of young women strikes at [the] root of every phase of our mission. A [Lu]theran school for girls will mean Luth[eran] workers for women's work and child[ren's] work, Lutheran Sunday school teach[ers] educated Lutheran wives for educated [Lu]theran men, with family altars, bap[tized] infants, well taught children—a gener[ation] of Lutherans in Japan! When we [have] provided the girls' school, we may feel [that] we have at last laid the foundation of [our] mission in Japan.

In Appreciation of Womanhood [in] America for the Sake of Womanhood in Japan.

The Board of Foreign Missions said [to] the women of our Church: "We must h[ave] a school for girls in Japan. Will you b[uild] it?" It seemed a big task, the raising [of] $175,000 which is necessary for the sch[ool] especially since the women support all [the] women's work on the foreign field (a[bout] 50 foreign missionaries, many native w[ork]ers, hospitals and girls' schools), but [the] faithful women said: "With the help [of] God, we will build the school in appre[cia]tion of womanhood in America, for the [sake] of womanhood in Japan." The women [are] at work, heart and soul. The aim [is]

re $175,000 during 1923-24, over and e their budget of $644,500. Every an in the Church is expected to make al offerings. But not only are women ing their eyes to the opportunity. Soon the announcement of the plans a man "I should like to have the privilege ontributing the first thousand dollars tribute gift to the Christian woman- of my wife and daughter, and for the of a similar Christian womanhood for irls of Japan." Another man said he d claim a similar opportunity by giv- the last thousand. Among the first offered was one in memory of our onary statesman, Dr. Edward T. Horn. her thousand dollars was given by five ren in memory of a Christian mother. iduals, families and organizations may their own room, with brass name plate ntributing from $250 to $1,500 (ac- ng to size of room).

the Boys' School in Japan Helped to ganize a Luther League in America

out 15 years ago when the Lutheran h in the South was building Kyushu in, the young people of North Carolina d that they would like to have a share work. They decided to contribute $250, nt one of their young women to South ina to challenge the South Carolina people to make a gift of $250, so together the Carolina young people furnish a room in Kyushu Gakuin. outh Carolina young people who were cting a special session in connection he Women's Missionary Society Con- n, heard the challenge, called together ting, after the service, at which time aid, "We will contribute $500 to fur- a South Carolina room in Kyushu n, and we challenge North Carolina able her contribution!" Committees appointed to present the matter to oung people, throughout the synod, consider plans for banding the young into an organization for the "stim- of missionary interest and en- ." To make a long story short, one ence the plans of this committee were d, and "The Young People's Federa- f the South Carolina Synod" was its first contribution being $555 to u Gakuin. The Federation became the League of South Carolina when the League of America was adopted as oung People's Organization of the Lutheran Church. The Leagues of o Carolinas are leavened with the ary spirit in which they were born. ems especially fitting that our Lu- eaguers should be interested in the people of Japan. Our faces will turn instinctively toward our own mission as we study Japan in our study classes this fall and winter. And when we look toward Japan, two outstanding needs must claim our prayerful interest, the erecting of the Theological Seminary building, and the establishment of our school for girls. Every young Lutheran man and woman should feel it his special privilege and opportunity to help prepare our young men and young women for Christian service in Japan.

NOTE:—Luther League missionary secretaries who desire to present the cause of the Girls' School in Japan, may secure free leaflets from the General Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., as follows:

Five Reasons for a Lutheran Girls' School in Japan.
Some Facts About the Proposed Lutheran Girls' School in Japan.
Some Things a Lutheran Girls' School in Japan Will Mean.
Special Occasions in the Interest of Our Girls' School in Japan.
We Can Build It If We Will.

There is also a pageant specially prepared for young people's organizations on our Japan work entitled "The Way," price 15 cents, 6 copies, 75 cents.

CHURCH GOING RULES

1. Come early.

2. Never pass up the aisle during the reading of the Scripture. You distract others and destroy the effect of the Word.

3. If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door, even if you are a prominent member.

4. Be devout in every attitude — the Church is not a theatre. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep.

5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of a pew and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.

6. Help strangers to find and follow the service in the Church Book. If they have no book share your own with them.

7. Always remember that strangers are the guests of the Church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.

8. Never put on your overshoes and overcoat during the last hymn—they will still be there after the benediction.

9. Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the church was on fire. That is your opportunity to give the stranger a hand of welcome.

10. Never pass a stranger by without giving him a hand. It will put the home feeling in both him and you.—Ex.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

ENCOURAGING

IN looking over the programs of the various District and State League conventions it is very encouraging to note the large number which have for their programs the themes Education, Missions and Life Service. It indicates that League leaders and Leaguers are at least trying to learn what the National League meant when it established the above three objects as the reason for its existence. But that there is a far deeper underlying motive we do not question. Despite the fact of an age of indifference to much that is vital, and the too great desire to follow the line of least resistance, there remains yet that deeper concern, in the lives of no small number of our young people, to answer the question, "What shall I do with my Life?" correctly. They would have their lives "be like a snowflake which leaves a mark but not a stain." They want their lives to count for Him, Who is our Redeemer. They want an occupation that is worth while, that will offer a large sphere of usefulness, that will return a great deal to themselves. They stand with listening ears and inquiring minds ready to be convinced.

This is the League's opportunity and her duty. Conventions, conferences, summer schools, regular League devotional meetings, special Mission Study classes, Life Service classes, all offer unusual opportunities for educating and informing. But mere information is by no means all that is to be desired. Information and knowledge are "all right so far as they go but they do not go far enough." These are not the goal and a race is not won until the goal has been reached—first. Following information there should come conviction plus *action*. In other words are you Taking Any Orders?

Said Layman: "Doctor, I heard you preach last Sunday. I was greatly moved by your sermon. But permit a criticism. I am a business man at the head of a large concern. We send out many salesmen, one of my salesmen went into a prospective customer's place of business, talked convincingly for half an hour as you last Sunday about the fine qualities of goods and then walked out without trying to get an order, we would discharge him."

This pastor felt rebuked. No doubt layman was right. The pastor was pleading for a verdict but sought no announcement of it. He was selling goods but not try to get an order.

Undoubtedly the foregoing criticism is true of all too many of us as pastors. too are salesmen with the biggest and proposition any man can put before public. We are selling Christianity all it means. We are selling Christian Service.

An Ohio business man has stated it when he said, "It's a quality product its price is net. There is no discount man must believe and have faith; he must abjure selfishness and self-interest. must love his neighbor as himself to saved and to be a true Christian."

But in this criticism the Ministry not stand alone in receiving the blame. people are usually not nearly so business like in matters spiritual as in matters secular business.

If we were selling an automobile another person we would follow a procedure somewhat similar to the following: First we would get his attention; arouse interest in the machine; create a desire to have the machine; convince him that he needs the machine; then stop there? Not likely! We would get him to sign on the dotted line—in other words, get his order.

Why be less business-like about our Father's business? Why get the attention of our young people, arouse their interest in God's work, create a desire on their part to have a distinct part, convince them that their lives must count for Him, then stop there and not take the order which in many

nces would mean, Definite Service for st, in one of the many fields of dis- ively Christian Service. In a yet larger ber of instances it would mean the ing of concrete information as to what ation in life the chief interest might ntered.

add a bit more of business and effi- y; to get needed information to our us Church Boards and Colleges; to build up a co-operative plan of enlist- ife recruits, these are a few of the ns for having Life Service Decision . But these plans, unless carried out e local Leagues, are all in vain. Time means do not permit the preparing and ng out of a large amount of circular ture to the individual Leagues. State, ict and local presidents, the success ilure of this plan is plainly up to you. you made provision in your new Con- ions for Life Work Secretaries? Who ey? Have you mailed their names to ational Life Service Secretary? Do ur local Leagues have this informa- egarding Decision Day, December 30? the August Review and read the sug- ns of this department.)

local Leagues should be prompt in g their necessary supply of Decision from this office. These are your order s and it does not mean that every one signs one of these cards must be a er or a deaconess. These cards have urposes. (1) Definite decisions; (2) nation from those not yet decided a life work. (1) Definite Decision. should be listed on the proper side card. Nine different types of dis- e Christian work are here indicated. s may be added. (2) Information hose not yet decided upon a life work. ide of the card asks for information Information regarding the home, affiliation, present occupation, er or not satisfied with it, what occu- might appeal, whether or not plan- o enter college and where; where school, grade, etc., etc. One or the of these sides should be correctly n and be returned to the National ervice Secretary. He will in turn duplicate to the proper Board or which in turn will carry on the up work. This information is our and you may depend on it that it followed up.

very likely that the Board of Edu- will co-operate with the League to December 30th a day great in the no small number of young people. depending on you.

department is desirous of a more open and helpful co-operation on the part of State League officers as well as on the part of pastors. They, after all, must be the key men. League officers co-operate with your pastor in all your plans. Get your church council to get back of you and your work. So far all co-operation, if there has been any, has been of the silent partner kind. Helpful suggestions and constructive criticism will always be welcomed. Send in you address on Life Service. They will not be copied unless you get credit for them. If they are worth while the Leaguers should have the benefit of them.

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MILLIONS OF MARBLES

Many millions of marbles are made annually in the United States. It is estimated that the boys of this country use no less than 200,000,000 each year. But there are other users of marbles besides youthful players. The Standard Oil Company is one of the largest buyers of marbles; some of its purchases are used in oil cans, and others of larger sizes are rolled through graded pipe lines to clean out the paraffin that gathers on the inside of the pipes. The manufacturers of ink, chemicals and powder use marbles. Other buyers of these little spheres are dealers in railway supplies, puzzle box makers, and salt producers.

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WOULD GIRDLE THE EARTH

If the Pennsylvania Railroad system could take up all of its tracks and relay them in a single line, it would have enough to build a standard gauge railroad around the world and double track it from New York to Kansas City. The annual Record of Transportation Lines shows that the trains of this railroad system are now being operated daily over 26,705 miles of track, which gridiron thirteen States and the District of Columbia—States in which live half the population of the United States.

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ANTISEPTICS

Perhaps one consequence of the war will be that hereafter many lives will be saved through the discovery that certain dyes are efficacious as antiseptics. The dye known as "crystal violet" is deadly to the microbe that causes the ordinary abscess, and the dye that goes by the name of "brilliant green" destroys certain much more dangerous bacilli, so that it has been employed with good effect to sterilize wounds.

If Uncle Sam took all the marines and put them on guard in the New York subway, would that make them submarines?

Methods

ELEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE

(As Arranged by the Luther League of Ohio)

The Church.

Must know the objects of the Luther League.

Must help support the League.

A. By attending meetings occasionally.

B. By contributing with an offering for worthy causes.

C. By sending their children to League.

The Church Council.

Every member of the church council should be fully acquainted with the Luther League objects.

Every member of the council should attend League at least once a month.

Point out duties of work for Leagues.

The Pastor.

Should attend each devotional meeting.

Should urge that all members of the Confirmation Class join League.

Should outline a course of work for the League each month.

Should guide the policies of the League when necessary.

The Sunday School.

All classes of League age should have a Luther League committee.

Sunday school teachers should be fully informed of League objects and encourage attendance.

Sunday school superintendent should be glad to announce League meetings.

The President.

Exercise good judgment in selection of appointive committees.

Be tactful in working out your executive committee's plans.

Be business-like at your business meetings.

Command the respect of all church members and friends.

Be willing to sacrifice for the welfare of the League and Church.

Coöperate with the State and District organizations.

Vice President.

Work harmoniously with the President

Offer assistance to members of all co mittees.

Be regular in attendance at all Leag meetings.

Serve as an active Vice President rath than a reserve Vice President.

Recording Secretary.

Be regular in attendance at busir meetings.

Keep your record of minutes in chosen binder neatly written, either in h hand or typewritten.

Always make a carbon copy for Lea President.

Corresponding Secretary.

Should be prompt in answering all (Do not delay.)

All replies to letters, and other le written, should be made in copy and copy properly filed.

All letters should be definite, clear, in the best diction.

Consult the dictionary if uncertain cerning spelling or grammar.

Use clean, well-chosen stationery, pre ably letter size.

Papers properly filed are easily found

Treasurer.

Do not accept former treasurer's b until they have been audited and approv

Study your requirements, and if nec sary consult someone capable of outlin the best system.

Keep an accurate detailed record of receipts and expenditures.

Whenever possible keep a perpetual b ance.

When volume demands it, have your bo audited once each quarter year.

Present a copy of your financial rep to the President at each business meeti

Send your monthly offering to the S Treasurer regularly.

Executive Committee.

Should be composed of the Presid Vice-president, Recording Secretary, T urer, pastor, and the chairman of all m committees.

utline a Definite course of activity at t one month in advance.
pen all business meetings with prayer make the meetings business-like. Pres- t should overrule all discussion not per- ing to the subject.
bserve parliamentary laws.
he treasurer and chairman of all com- ees should present written reports at meeting.
xecutive Committee should work to- er harmoniously.
This committee is the Heart Action of League.)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

mmittee should consist of pastor and senior members of the League.
ssign topics to leaders at least one th in advance.
ssign topics to leaders best fitted to pre- them.
otify leader of his or her turn to lead ast two weeks in advance.
ake certain that leader assigned is g to lead.
e member of this committee should e a month at a time in successive order *esearch Chairman* whose duty it is to re, through periodicals, history or other es, such material as would be of inter- nd worth while to the leader and the ue.

READING COURSE COMMITTEE.

ould consist of a chairman and two ional members.
ey should secure from the State or onal Secretary an outline of the Read- Course for the current year.
copy of this program should be placed e possession of each League member.
is committee should secure, either by ase or from library, such books or es as are recommended by the National nittee.
tline a schedule of reading for those having their own books.
nduct a review meeting at least once a h, at which time all League members xpected to participate by informal dis- on.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

is committee should consist of three ers, serving a month at a time.
is member should announce to the ay school superintendent or before the e school the League meeting to follow, ubject, the leaders and any special y.
vise all members of social functions.
erever possible, avoid solicitation of dvertising.

Place well-chosen or written bulletins on church bulletin board each week.

MUSIC COMMITTEE.

Should consist of three to six members, serving a month at a time.

Provide appropriate music for each occasion.

Work together with other musical organizations of the church.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE.

Meet with the leaders or leader a few moments before the meeting for a session of short prayer.

Should take initiative in devotional meeting when volunteer prayer is called for.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Should consist of three to six members.

Chairman should be well fitted for this leadership, capable of distinguishing between wholesome recreation and improper amusement.

Socials should not be lengthy nor start at a late hour.

Consider ages of members to be entertained when planning your program.

Plan to entertain all, not a few.

Prevent the grouping of individuals as much as possible.

Do not hold socials too often or too seldom. (Use best judgment in this matter.)

Keep a memoranda of good games told you or in which you have participated. (For your League socials.)

Keep your League members on the lookout for surprises. (Youth expects it.)

Hold your socials in the proper place. (Do not desecrate the House of Worship.)

FLOWER OR VISITING COMMITTEE.

Send flowers or greeting cards to shut-ins or invalids of the church as well as the League.

Chairman should keep record of such activity.

Visit delinquent members, shut-ins, sick, invalids.

Do not discontinue reminders of love and friendship after one such action if the individual remains in such a condition.

NEED SENSE AS WELL AS ENTHUSIASM

Newspapers report that when the Iowa State University football team won a recent game that the university students were so wildly enthusiastic in their celebration that they now are confronted by claims to damages to the extent of several hundred dollars. Stores were broken into and wagons and boxes were burned. Students should have sense as well as enthusiasm. Also, some other people.

The Social Meeting

September is the "get-together" month.

If you have not already planned some meetings to get your local Leaguers together, do so at once.

It is also the time for the several Leagues of a town or city and the neighboring Leagues in smaller communities to get together in socials, rallies and good times.

Try these plans.

One District Rally.

Here is a "get-together" plan which one District is working out.

The meeting starts at four o'clock.

From four to five-thirty there will be a Round Table Conference.

Each visitor (the officers and two additional Leaguers from each League were invited—as many more as desired can be asked) was requested to bring some questions on League work, and some problems to be solved, and these were discussed.

A Questionnaire on the work of each local League was also sent out beforehand, and many interesting plans and facts brought to light.

From five-thirty to seven-thirty the Leaguers will gather around the supper table where a simple supper will be served for which a nominal sum will be charged.

Gathered around the table, the Leaguers will listen to talks on League Methods and Practical Plans, by one of the general officials.

League songs, the Rally Hymns, and other yells and songs, bringing in local "hits" on the officers of the District, and prominent Leaguers, will be sung.

At the conclusion games will be played.

There will be a game to make everybody acquainted.

There will be a game in which everyone can take part.

There will be several humorous readings.

There will be several stunts by various League groups.

And all will go home, having received some help in practical work for their own League, and believing that the League is worth while.

A Banquet.

To get all your Leaguers together, or t get neighboring Leaguers together, have Banquet.

Arrange five tables.

Decorate in the Luther League colors.

Serve simple refreshments.

Have short speeches from each table.

Try these themes:

Black—Bible Study; Our First Objectiv Education.

Red—Social Good Times in the Leagu a Social Service Program.

White—Missionary Plans; How to Int est Our Leaguers in Our Missi ary Objectives.

Blue—Loyalty to Our League; O League's Ideals.

Gold—Life Service; Who Owns My Li

Intermediate Banquet.

Get your Intermediates together for banquet.

Have songs and cheers and stunts.

Serve something substantial.

Decorate in the League colors.

Have the pastor or the Intermedi Superintendent speak a few words.

Let the rest of the program be impromp speeches from the Intermediates themselv

Follow with several lively games.

A Father and Son Banquet, or a Mot and Daughter Banquet can also be arrang in the Intermediate League to awaken i terest for the winter work.

Junior Luncheon.

Get the Junior leaders of the district t gether.

Discuss plans for the winter's work.

Go over the Junior Topics and plan ho to use them.

Have someone give an inspirational tal on the work with the children.

A Birthday Supper.

To get all the Leaguers together, try Birthday Supper.

Have twelve tables, each decorated a propriately for one of the months of th year.

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HYMNS AND PRAYERS

The above caption is the name of the new book which the Common Service Book Committee of the United Church has compiled for the use of societies, assemblies, summer schools, etc. (See advertisement on page 36.)

The stock of the Luther League Hymnal being exhausted, and the book needing revision, the Luther League of America at its last convention instructed its Executive Committee to substitute "Hymns and Prayers" for it.

In addition to prayers, psalms and worship outlines, the book contains about one hundred and fifty good, popular and singable hymns, and we trust that our Leagues will introduce it as soon as possible.

It is disconcerting, to say the least, to one who is devoting his life to fostering a spirit of loyalty to the Lutheran Church in our young people, to find song books being used in many societies which breathe a spirit foreign to Lutheranism.

At a recent State convention a lady in the reading of a paper noted the musical heritage of the Lutheran Church. The convention used a song book in which neither the text nor the music even approached Lutheran standards.

We are told that the Reformation was sung into the hearts of the people. We fear that in some instances today it is being sung out. Surely it is just as dangerous for our young people to sing hymns foreign to our faith as it is for them to read literature to which we cannot subscribe.

At the recent Christian Endeavor Convention at Des Moines a speaker did not hesitate to assail certain hymns that have found a firm place for themselves in popular favor. Space allows to give but one of his requirements: "The words must express universal longing. They must speak for an intelligent faith. Amiable ambiguities will not do. 'Brighten the Corner Where You Are' has no brains after the first line." We trust that he included "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Lead, Kindly Light." The first is too vague and indefinite for a Christian whose faith is firmly planted and the second would hardly be relished by a self-respecting Protestant. Surely he does not believe that the "Kindly Light" led Newman "amid the encircling gloom" of Protestantism into the Church of Rome. Newman himself admitted that the hymn had not much merit, the melody made it popular.

A word as to melodies. The chief criticism of the Common Service Book is that the text is not between the musical staves. The committee claim that this was done in order that our people might memorize hymns and not tunes only. We can all sing many tunes from memory, but few of us can sing hymns from memory. The speaker at the Christian Endeavor convention speaks of melodies thus: "The successful hymn has a strong element of the rhythmic and the dynamic. The tune is such as all can sing. It does not urge the untrained voice to inaccessible heights. It does not introduce florid elaboration in the melody." Melodies are just as essential to reverent worship as are words. They should be reverent, soul-stirring and singable. That theological seminaries should have courses on hymnology and church music is very apparent to the itinerant church secretary.

In our Common Service Book "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" is set to three melodies—Coronation, Miles Lane and Laud. Coronation is the old melody and is good, but by the time you have reached the sixth stanza you have grown tired of it. Miles Lane is not fitted for the average congregation, because the notes of the refrain are too high for the average voice, with the result that when the refrain is reached some of the congregation cease to sing and most of the others are indulging in squeaks and shrieks. Laud is the best from the

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General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:

Your General Secretary is still on the wing, at this writing, flitting "hither and yon," mostly "yon," attending conventions and summer schools.

Summer schools are becoming the order of the day in our Church and we have been obliged to decline several invitations because they conflicted with others. This is a matter of regret to us, as no summer school program is complete without a provision for a presentation of Young People's work. Since our last letter we have attended schools at Wagner College, Marion College, and Lakeside. At the latter the Luther League of Ohio met in convention. This League is contemplating the employment of an Executive Secretary, and has 118 of its members attending college, 37 of whom are preparing for the ministry.

Miss Mehlhouse has attended schools at Thiel College and Gettysburg College. Mr. Dittmar attended the school at the Mt. Airy Seminary.

Our cover picture depicts our Educational Department: Bible Study, Topics, Reading Course, as designed by the Rev. C. P. Jensen, Chairman of the Literature Committee of the Luther League of New York, who describes it thus:

"The theme of the exhibit is 'Rays of Light for Luther League Work.' The Holy Bible is the sun with its light-bearing rays passing through each piece of literature for the Luther League. One ray is that of the 'Luther League Topics,' which are for enlightenment in devotional meetings and for direction in Bible reading; the Topics are the life of the devotional meetings of the League; another ray is *The Lutheran*, the official paper of our Church, this bears light for the development of the topics and a survey of the Church at work; another light-bearing ray is THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, which develops the topics, plans your socials, fosters Bible reading and reports the activities of the Leagues throughout the country. The other rays pass through the Senior Reading Course. These books bring light and interest, knowledge and inspiration in the causes of Foreign and Home Missions, and develop a spiritual consciousness in the heart of the Leaguer, instructing him in the Way, strengthening his faith and revealing his relation to God.

"These rays culminate in the slogan, "The Efficient Leaguer,' which should be the ideal of every League and Leaguer."

Be sure to read and give heed to the article by the Treasurer, on Page 3. No money finds its way into our treasury during the summer months, and as a consequence there is ever a deficit in September. Help us to relieve this as soon as possible. Make yourself a committee of one to inquire if there is money in the treasury of your Efficient Leaguer,' which should be the longs in the treasury of the Luther League of America. At present the deficit is one thousand dollars.

During the current month the Joint Synod of Ohio will band its various district organizations into a synodical league. May the new organization live long and prosper.

The new senior, intermediate and junior league constitutions which appear in this issue can be secured in pamphlet form from the office.

September is the month of increased activities in our Leagues after the summer slump. Don't forget to submit at your first meeting the resolutions adopted by your state (synodical) league at its convention.

"League-ally yours"

HARRY HODGES.

HYMNS AND PRAYERS

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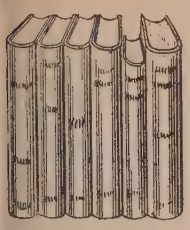
standpoint of music, churchliness and majesty. In traveling over the Church we find Coronation used mostly, Miles Lane occasionally, and Laud seldom. Where the latter is used we always find a knowledge of Church music on the part of the pastor.

The purpose of this editorial is twofold. First, to impress our Leaguers with the importance of proper worship material from every standpoint. Second, to advise them that the same is available in "Hymns and Prayers."



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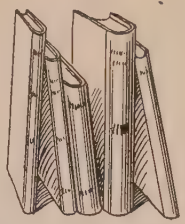

EADING THE NEW TESTAMENT THROUGH DURING THE YEAR

(The Gospels will be read in harmony.)

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 1—How a Minister hould Live, I Cor. 9:1-27.

Sunday, Sept. 2—The Old Testament ypes, I Cor. 10:1-33.

Monday, Sept. 3—Of the Lord's Supper, Cor. 11:1-34.

Tuesday, Sept. 4—Spiritual Gifts, I Cor. :1-31.

Wednesday, Sept. 5—Of Love, I Cor. 13: 13.

Thursday, Sept. 6—The Gift of Tongues, Cor. 14:1-19.

Friday, Sept. 7—The Gift of Tongues, ntinued, I Cor. 14:20-40.

Saturday, Sept. 8—Necessity of Resurction, I Cor. 15:1-34.

Sunday, Sept. 9—The Manner of the surrection, I Cor. 15:35-58.

Monday, Sept. 10—Duty of Relieving the ethren, I Cor. 16:1-24.

Tuesday, Sept. 11—Encourage Against oubles, II Cor. 1:1-24.

Wednesday, Sept. 12—Success of Paul's eaching, II Cor. 2:1-17.

Thursday, Sept. 13—The Faith of the rinthians, II Cor. 3:1-18.

Friday, Sept. 14—Paul Justifies Himself, Cor. 4:1-18.

Saturday, Sept. 15—Hope of Immortal ory, II Cor. 5:1-21.

Sunday, Sept. 16—Being Temples of d, II Cor. 6:1-18.

Monday, Sept. 17—Purity of Life, II Cor. -16.

Tuesday, Sept. 18—Contribution for ints at Jerusalem, II Cor. 8:1-24.

Wednesday, Sept. 19—The Spirit of Giv-, II Cor. 9:1-15.

Thursday, Sept. 20—Spiritual Might and wer, II Cor. 10:1-18.

Friday, Sept. 21—Paul's Sufferings for Gospel, II Cor. 11:1-33.

Saturday, Sept. 22—Glory in His Infirms, II Cor. 12:1-21.

unday, Sept. 23—Severity Against Obate Sinners, II Cor. 13:1-14.

Monday, Sept. 24—Paul Corrects the Galatians, Gal. 1:1-24.

Tuesday, Sept. 25—Justification by Faith, Gal. 2:1-21.

Wednesday, Sept. 26—The Law and Faith, Gal. 3:1-29.

Thursday, Sept. 27—Under the Law Until Christ Came, Gal. 4:1-31.

Friday, Sept. 28—The Liberty in the Gospel, Gal. 5:1-26.

Saturday, Sept. 29—Bear One Another's Burdens, Gal. 6:1-18.

Sunday, Sept. 30—Treating of Spiritual Blessings, Eph. 1:1-23.

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Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

October 7, 1923.

THE WORD OF GOD PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—I Kings 1:1-16.
Tuesday—Luke 3:1-6.
Wednesday—II Timothy 3:14-17.
Thursday—I Peter 1:23-25.
Friday—John 1:1-18.
Saturday—Hebrew 1:1-3.

HINTS FOR LEADER.

Let this program be entirely from the Bible. Sometime during the meeting have everyone present to tell about a miracle either from the Old or New Testament, or ask the members for Bible verses that contain the phrase, "Word of God."

The following passages will be appropriate as stories: "Finding the Book of the Law," II Kings 22:3-23:14; "Burning God's Word," Jer. 36 and "Outpouring of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2.

Divide the life of Paul into two or three parts and have several members to tell the sections as stories.

Hymns that will fit in with the suggestions above are: "Lord, Thy Word Abideth," "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak," "Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word" and "Father of Mercies, in Thy Word."

A five minute Bible contest works well. Let the Leader have ten passages of Scripture selected. Place on the blackboard where these passages are found. Then ask several members or all to find these passages and read in order to know what each

is about. When all ten have been looked up, close the Bible and write down the ten topics read. Don't give them more than five minutes.

TOPIC.

God's Word is the most important book that has ever been written. It is the Book of Books. The Bible is unique as to its production as well as its message. It is the only book that reveals God's will to His people. "Holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." This book has been the world's chief literature for the past two thousand years.

The Christian world nominally recognizes its singular place in all literary production as well as its divine origin. There is one theme that clearly stands out from the first to the last page. The entire book was written by two score or more writers which spread over a period of two thousand years. The message it brings is salvation to a lost world.

God's Word receives more honor than use. Anyone you meet will tell you that the Bible is a wonderful book but few of them will be able to tell you much about it. The religious people of today are a negligent people. You will be able to find a Bible in most every home but you can see that it is seldom handled. If you were to stay away from the table and not eat for several days you would become very weak. Your body would lose all its strength. The same is true with the spiritual life of man but it seems that many of the Christians have not yet learned this. To neglect the Book of Life is to lose the fullness of God's love and knowledge how to serve Him. The daily reading of His Word is an essential in remaining a member of His kingdom.

The government does not recognize any kind of religion. Nevertheless, the founders of this nation and those who have been at the helm since its birth have been men of faith and vision. They have lived and caused the rule of this land to be based on the principles of the Bible. The administration has always been Christian. This has been true because the majority of the people have been students of the Word of God. The civilization you are enjoying is based upon the Bible. It is the essential textbook for a nation like America.

The Bible is a book for all times and all conditions. It contains comfort for the bereaved and satisfaction for the joyous. There is a message for the lonely and a thought for the one who desires to give thanks unto His Maker.

The Bible is the pearl of great price. It is worth its weight in gold ten thousand times. The greatest joy of life comes to those who have found from that volume what God expects of them in this world.

God's people are becoming deserters in that they are neglecting His Holy Word. The Spirit of God does not operate separately from this Word. Let it not be said that the Luther League has gone elsewhere for its life. But let it be always said that you have drunk continually from the well of living water and have been filled with the love of God which comes from His own revelation.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
October 14, 1923.

WHAT MY DENOMINATION IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Luke 4:16-21.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Mark 16:14-18.
Tuesday—I Cor. 1.
Wednesday—I Cor. 2.
Thursday—I Cor. 3.
Friday—Acts 13:1-5.
Saturday—Ephesians 4:1-13.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Divide this program into several sections. These can be designated as past, present and future. Have scripture and prayer to open each section. The prayer in the first division could be "Thanksgiving for blessings in the past"; the second "That we may be good stewards," and third that "Our Church will always teach the pure gospel."

A threefold study of our Church in this manner will bring many interesting facts to our attention. A comparison is always good. The future can be best planned in the light of the past.

There should be no difficulty in the hymn selections for this meeting. There are so many to select from that the difficulty will be which to choose.

Take the letters L-U-T-H-E-R-A-N, using them as key letters for eight members to suggest some plan for the future of our Church. For example, L—"Living Loyalty to the Lord." Let each speak two minutes.

TOPIC.

The successful way to know how we are living is to take an inward look at ourselves. The only way to get a right perspective of our Church is to review the accomplishments of the past. Those who object to such a procedure are usually ashamed of the past. It is wise to think of our mistakes so that they can be remedied. The Lutheran Church in America has not done all she could have in the past generations. She has not succeeded in churching the immigrants that come to our shores from Lutheran countries. She has hardly touched the many thousands of unchurched of America.

Our Church as well as some of the other denominations have slowly awakened to the opportunities of the land. We have been entirely too self-satisfied. There are thousands of people in America who do not know that there is such a Church as the Lutheran. They are ignorant of the history of Protestantism, we know, but our Church is responsible for this lack of knowledge. If our Church has a message worth while, then the entire world should know it. The Church with the purest gospel has the greatest responsibility of preaching and teaching it to the nations of the world. An acquaintance with the history of our Church and a knowledge of its fundamental doctrines are essentials for its future advancement. Every member of the Lutheran Church should not rest until he has a speaking knowledge of its fundamentals.

Lutherans in America are beginning to stir. We are seeing the privileges that are ours. We are learning our strength. The weak points are being mended. It takes time, nevertheless the strengthening process is showing results.

The activities that are reaching out into the future for their realization in our Church centers around the three great activities of preaching, teaching and healing. The one often dove-tails into the other, however, we can look at them for a moment separately.

The Church is making every effort possible to plant our beloved work in every center where Lutheran people have flocked. She has also opened fields that have not been touched by any other denominations both home and abroad. The scattered people of our faith and the unchurched of this land are being ministered unto. New fields are being yearly opened in foreign lands. The call is for more volunteers to fill the vacancies. The missions of today will be flourishing congregations tomorrow.

The educational activities that have been manifested during the past few years speaks of the future of our schools. All over our land there have been campaigns for funds in order to place our colleges among the best of the country.

The ministry of mercy of our Church is manifold. The arms of the Church are reaching out and caring for the sick, orphaned, lonely and the unfortunate. Institutions that are meeting these needs crown many of the hills throughout our land and others are being built to broaden this Christlike work.

The League as an arm of the Church has work. The men and women who are do the work of the Church of tomorrow must come from the League. If the Lutheran Church fails to keep the ranks filled, the Luther League has failed in its great mission.

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Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
October 21, 1923.

THE MINISTRY OF MERCY

Acts 6:1-6.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Gal. 2:9-10.
Tuesday—I Tim. 5:3-16.
Wednesday—I Tim. 5:17-25.
Thursday—I John 3:13-18.
Friday—I Peter 5:1-11.
Saturday—James 2.

THE INNER MISSION.

What is the Inner Mission? It is difficult to explain or define the Inner Mission, for it is a spiritual force within the church which seeks to minister to the needy, in the name of Christ. Spiritual work cannot be measured in material results. Only the Master, who prompts us to do this work of compassion, sees and knows how many lost souls are redeemed and how many broken hearts are healed through this blessed ministry.

The forms of the Inner Mission work are varied and many. Two Boards carry on and direct the work for our United Lutheran Church, the Inner Mission Board and the Deaconess Board.

ACTIVITIES OF THE INNER MISSION BOARD.

The task of the Inner Mission Board is complicated because it must consider individuals, groups, congregations and the general body, in their manifold and delicate relations to the spiritual, social and industrial life of today, with its many acute problems. New phases of the great task are constantly confronting us. The work of the Board is divided into three parts, each of which is under the direction of a committee.

1. The congregational committee attempts to develop in the congregations throughout our Church a sense of responsibility to all who are around it, and who need the loving service of the congregation. This committee, working through the committees appointed by the various synods is making a survey of our Church, seeking out people of our own faith who do not have the care of the Church in state, county, private and other institutions. Efforts are being made to bring the Churh to these uncared for ones. One of the recent problems which this committee has been considering is the problem of migrant groups, that large army of workers in seasonal occupations who are without the ministrations of the Church as they move about. Efforts are being made to have local congregations serve these groups wherever possible. Another matter of very deep interest to the Church is the working out of the Downtown Church prob-

lem. The Board is considering this problem and attempting to solve it. The Committee is urging upon our congregations the use of Congregational and Community Surveys. Letters are being sent to pastors throughout the Church urging them to certain definite Inner Mission activity in connection with their congregational work.

2. The Institutional Committee. It is in this department that the greatest achievement has occurred. There are many excellent institutions which are owned, controlled and supported entirely by the United Lutheran Church in America, one or more of its synods, one or more of its congregations, or by associations within the synods.

This list of institutions includes 6 Orphan Homes, 9 Old Peoples' Homes, 2 Orphans' and Old Peoples' Homes, 1 Institution for Defectives, 2 Hospices, 6 Miscellaneous Institutions (Settlement and Neighborhood Houses, Preventorium, a Dispensary for Treatment of Tuberculosis, etc.), 1 Seaman's and Immigrant Mission, 6 Inner Mission Societies and City Missions, 2 Deaconess Motherhouses.

There are a number of Institutions allied to the United Lutheran Church in whose ownership, control and support our congregations have a part. This list includes 4 Orphanages, 1 Old Folks' Home, 2 Institutions for Defectives, 4 Hospices, 2 Hospitals, 2 Seaman's and Immigrant Missions, 6 Inner Mission Societies, 1 Deaconess Motherhouse, 5 Miscellaneous Institutions (Home for Destitute Children, for Incurables, Children's Receiving Home, Tiding Over Home for Children, etc.).

THE INNER MISSION SOCIETIES AND CITY MISSIONS

do a tremendous work among the needy and destitute and helpless and friendless in our big cities. There are Inner Mission Societies and City Missions in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Washington, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, New York, Buffalo, Baltimore, Reading, Charleston and in the state of Connecticut.

3. The Educational Committee of the Inner Mission Board has been urging upon the Church the work of the Lay Readers. There are now 18 Lay Readers in our Church. The Board publishes a little paper entitled "A Message for the Day," which has been an untold blessing to many of our "shut-ins and shut-outs," who are unable to attend services in God's House. The Committee has been seeking to find a larger place in the curriculum of Theological Seminaries for the study of the Inner Mission. Students are being sought who are willing to give one year following their graduation to the practical work of the Inner Mission in some form or other. Summer Schools are urged to present the Inner Mission in their programs. General Inner Mission Conferences are being held, which are doing much toward bringing our people to a broader understanding of the work.

(This study is a brief synopsis of the Report of the Inner Mission Board at the Biennial Convention held in Buffalo, 1922. Leaders should secure entire report, which lists and locates all our Inner Mission institutions.)

THE DEACONESS BOARD.

The Deaconess Board is engaged in that important work of seeking out and training for Christian service the consecrated young women of our Church. The United Lutheran Church boasts of two splendid Deaconess Motherhouses, the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse in Baltimore, and the Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia. An allied Motherhouse is the Milwaukee Motherhouse, Milwaukee. Our Deaconess Motherhouse in Baltimore has 42 consecrated sisters, and 17 probationers in connection with the Motherhouse. These sisters work in 26 congregations, in orphans' homes, hospices, homes for aged, in settlement work, and anywhere that trained Christian women are needed. The sisterhood of our Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia, numbers 70 deaconesses, and 17 probationers. These sisters serve in various capacities throughout the Church, in congregations and humanitarian institutions.

Who may estimate the great good which these Angels of Mercy do for the helpless and fallen and spiritually destitute? The Deaconess Board sends out urgent calls for more young women to consecrate themselves to this work of Love.

(We hope to study the work of the Deaconess Board in more detail in a later program.)

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Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
October 28, 1923.

WHAT HAPPENED OCT. 31, 1517?

Gal. 2:16-21.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Romans 1:18-32.
Tuesday—Romans 2:3-20.
Wednesday—Romans 3:21-4:25.
Thursday—Romans 5.
Friday—Romans 6.
Saturday—Romans 8.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Some time during the year the League should have a public program. The topic for this date is an excellent one in many respects for such a meeting. A wealth of material can be found on this subject. This is the one great historic day of our Church.

It would be worth while, if your congregation does not do so, to have a meeting

every year on the 31st, making it not only a big day for the League but bring in the different organizations of the congregation. The more we impress our people with the fact of the Reformation the more they will think of the truth the Church of the Reformation teaches.

Have plenty of music at the above-mentioned service. If the League is large enough take your best voices and plan a chorus to sing strictly Lutheran Hymns.

TOPIC.

All great religious revivals have been ushered in by individuals who were afire with zeal for the truth. The religion of their day had been so corrupted that the people had no privilege to know the real gospel. This was the condition when Christ came. A similar situation existed in Martin Luther's day. The godlessness of the day caused Luther to nail the ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenburg on the 31st day of October, 1517.

Luther was an Augustinian monk. His work at this time was a teacher in the University. A Bible in the library had opened his eyes. He did not know until he had found this Book of Books that there was more of the scriptures than the passages that were read on Sundays at the Church. His first desire was to read the entire book through without stopping. He had a longing to possess one of his own.

A new light began to dawn in his heart and life. He saw where the teachings of the Church conflicted with God's Word. Much that he had been teaching the people was in conflict with the Word he had found. Many of the demands that were being made of the priesthood and laity were unjust as well as in conflict with the gospel of Jesus Christ. As these convictions began to develop in his heart Luther began to preach and teach the messages he had gotten from the Bible. Indulgences were being sold by the order of the pope in his neighborhood. This practice was very offensive to his religious convictions. His soul rebelled against such practices. Therefore he prepared for debate the ninety-five theses, nailing them on the usual place for publicity in order that someone might see them and take up his challenge. The theme of the theses centered around the selling of indulgences.

November 1 was All Saints Day. People from great distances came to the Castle Church on this day to view the thousands of relics that were kept there. They were taught there was virtue in making a pilgrimage to this spot and observing the historic collection.

The students as well as many of the priests who flocked to the church read the theses with a great deal of interest. Copies of them were made and in less than two weeks the entire nation had read them. The fire for reform was again burning. The smoldering flames had bursted forth several times before under the leadership of such men as John Huss and Savanarola. Luther had taken the first step in bringing the truth of the Bible to the people but he did not yet know it.

The birth of the Protestant movement is dated from the posting of the theses. That act and those that followed have given the world the open Bible with all the blessed privileges that go with it. The Luther Church is the mother of Protestantism. October the 31st is a day that should be remembered not only by the Lutheran Church but by all Protestant churches the world over. All lovers of truth should pay tribute to the memory of the man and deed that have given the world its modern civilization.

Re-read the great facts of that historic time. Make that spirit of living and fighting for the truth yours. Christianity will mean more to you than it has ever before, if you have the courage to live as you know the Word of God teaches.

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HOW YOU WILL FIND IT

"Show me a place where there isn't any meeting-houses and where preachers is never seen, and I'll show you a place where old hats air stuffed into broken winders, where the children are dirty and ragged, where gates have no hinges, where the wimmen air slipshod, and where maps of the devil's wild land air painted upon men's shirt bosums with tobacco jooce. That's what I'll show you. Let us consider what the preachers do fer us before we aboose 'em.—*Artemus Ward.*

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TROTOL

Trotol is the name of a new explosive said to be safe to handle but twice as powerful as dynamite. Six ounces of trotol will do the work of 12 ounces of dynamite. Nothing will explode it but fulminate of mercury. Unlike dynamite, trotol can be kept in water for a long time without deteriorating. This new explosive was discovered by an officer of the New York National Guard through the study of an old German book containing 2,000 formulas for high explosives. From one of these, taken at random, trotol was developed. The discovery is to be presented to the government without reward.

Intermediate Department

October Memory Context—Psalm 46.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR ACTIVITIES

Educational.

Decide to redeem, at least, in part, Hallowe'en by introducing Reformation Day features. A pageant possibly is available. In view, moreover, of the meaning of 1523 the Education Pageant procurable from the United Lutheran Publication House might be carried out.

After studying the topic, "The Cog," plan a trip to some manufacturing plant, or some other plant where machinery is used. Have the trip written up, especially from the standpoint of the topic.

Physical Department.

Because of the difficulty of a League conducting the regular football it is suggested that a soccer football field be laid out and the game introduced. In modified form it can be played, too, by girls.

Take account of stock. Have a physical examination made, in order to meet the demands of study and the coming winter. Plan "Open-Window" campaign.

Social and Service Department.

Why not a chestnut or a hickorynut party?

If a Hallowe'en Party is held intersperse it with Intermediate Luther League publicity periods or acts.

In view of one of the month's topics locate a colored family in need, if possible, and plan to aid.

Hints for Leader for Topic of Oct. 7, 1923

Select hymns from the Christian Service section of hymnal. "A Charge to Keep I Have," and others occur in this connection.

Secure a copy of the text-book, "In the Vanguard of a Race." The lesson for this day is a review of a chapter in this book.

In presenting the topic it is suggested that the parts on Boyhood, Young Manhood, Education, be assigned ahead and presented by an intermediate. Sum up on the blackboard the special accomplishment of the hero of the article. Show picture of Tuskegee Institute and have someone write a short sketch of the Tuskegee of today.

Answer the question at end of topic and sum up the Whys.

Prayer for the success of the work so wonderfully begun and developed by Booker T. Washington.

Question—What best use to make of such a topic in our own work and lives?

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October 7, 1923.

A STORY OF SERVICE

Miss May Scherer.

Scripture—Mark 10:42-45.

Our lesson for today is a Story of Service. When Jesus was on earth two brothers, James and John, came to him and asked that in His kingdom they should sit one on His right hand and one on His left hand. Jesus knew that they were seeking greatness, and told them that this was not the way to be great. Then he gave them the real rule for being great. This is found in Mark 10:42-45. (Have Scripture read.)

Leader—Jesus did not say the man who is rich or the man who sits in the high place or the man with white skin shall be great. He said the great man is the one who serves others. In the light of this rule which Jesus gave, we want to study about a man whom some have called great. Then we want to decide whether they are right in calling him great. We want to begin our study about the boy who grew into the man who has been called great.

Boyhood—The boy had only one name until he was ten years old. The boy never knew just when he was born. His mother could not tell him. Think of your own mother not knowing your birthday! Still his mother loved him and wanted him to grow to be a good man. It is probable that she did not think much about his being a great man. The boy's mother was very poor. He had no father. His mother and three children lived in one room and had only rags on the floor to sleep on. When meal time came the children sat around the skillet and ate out of that, fishing the food out with their fingers. When he grew to be eight years old he got someone to teach him. Then when he was ten years old he found a school where little black boys could

go to school. You see this boy about whom we are studying was a Negro boy. He was very happy. When he went to school and the teacher asked his name he started to say, "Booker." Then he noticed that all of the other boys had two names and he named himself "Booker Washington." A little later he found that when he was a baby he had been called "Booker Talliaferro." So he took Talliaferro for his name and he became Booker T. Washington.

Leader.—Anyone would have supposed that the boy who slept on the floor and ate out of the skillet was far from being a great man. Let us learn something about his young manhood.

Young Manhood.—Booker Washington heard of a school at Hampton where Negro boys might go to school and pay their way by work. It took him some time to get to Hampton because he had to walk and had to find a place to sleep wherever he could and work as he went. When he got there the teacher did not want to admit him. Finally, she let him in and told him to sweep a room. Now Booker did not want to sweep. He wanted to study, but sweeping was the thing that came up, and the way that he swept the room was a step toward the greatness which he afterward attained. He swept the room three times and dusted it four times. When the teacher rubbed the furniture with her handkerchief and could find no dirt, she said, "Well, boy, I guess you will do"; and Booker Washington's life at Hampton was begun.

Leader.—We are beginning to get the answer to our question as to whether this was a great man. Doing the thing that he did the best that it could be done—that was a step to greatness. We want to know more of his education.

Education—The same rule that he had about sweeping the floor governed everything that he did at Hampton. The years that he spent there were not easy years. He worked hard and he studied hard; but when he graduated he carried away the trust and the friendship of every one at Hampton, white and black. His power was won by doing every least thing within his reach, however hard or disagreeable, as perfectly as he could and as cheerfully as if it were the deepest desire of his heart. After graduation, he taught school and sent his brother to Hampton.

Leader—According to the standard that Jesus set in our Bible study, that of service, it seems that Booker Washington was growing into a great man. Remember He did not say, "The white man or the black man is great." He said, "If any among you would be great, let him be the servant of all." Let us study more of Booker Washington's life work.

Life Work.—After Booker Washington had taught at Hampton, he received a call to start a school for Negroes in Tuskegee, Alabama. This seemed a real opportunity and he went to Tuskegee. Perhaps some of you know of Tuskegee with its splendid buildings and its modern equipment; and you may feel that Booker Washington walked into a "soft snap." *When the school was started by* Booker Washington the only building was one in which the teacher had to stand under an umbrella when it rained. But he kept out the rain as best he could and he taught the thirty pupils as best he could, and here was another step toward greatness. He had to raise $500, and this seemed a great undertaking, but raise it he did and the first five hundred dollars that he raised meant more than the millions that he raised in later years. Booker Washington knew what his people needed and he wanted to make the school the kind of school that would help his people to be what they should be. He wanted them to be clean and healthy. He wanted them to eat eggs and bacon instead of their everlasting diet of pork and cornbread. He undertook to revolutionize the habits of a people, their thoughts and standards. And he did it. Tuskegee became a great school and it is one of the schools that is helping to raise the standard of the race of the man who founded it. He taught the people of his race *that work* is honest and should be well done. He taught them how to live. He taught them *to fight disease* and *to fight the kind of living that made them a danger to themselves and also to the white people.* He served his people and in serving them he served all races.

Leader—Do you think this was greatness? It would not have been if he had done these things for self-glory. But he did not. He served in the name of the Lord Jesus and he made his people "see and love the real things, the big, simple, Christ-like things that never change. He made right look wise and beautiful, as it is, and he showed two races the way to live side by side in justice and friendship, 'in things purely social as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.'" Booker Washington did the work of a dozen men. He stimulated Negro business throughout the country *by his organization of the Negro Business League* and his inspiration and direction of it. His health work has influenced the whole South and has won coöperation, not only from local white organizations, but from state officers, board

of health and the like. "He never spared himself and, as men see things, he died before his time. Broken down in body, he was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in New York. When he found the end was near he asked to be taken home to die. They put him in a special car with doctors and nurses and his devoted wife. The country watched that journey and the great newspapers told everywhere how he was standing the trip—the man born a slave on the earthen floor of a windowless cabin. He reached Tuskegee just alive, and there, in his own beautiful home amid hearts that loved him and the folk that he had lifted up, Booker Washington passed out to meet his Master and to get his praise from God." *Was he a great man?*

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October 14, 1923.

"THE COG"

Rev. J. Paul Harman.

Prayer, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn No. 150, 156 or 164 (Common Service Book).

Read responsively 34th Psalm; boys reading half verse, girls responding, or another form of alternating.

Repeat, in unison, "The Gloria Patria."

Scriptures, read by leader, John 15:1-5; John 6:5-9.

Hymn No. 380, 376, or 379.

Leader's remarks:

State Subject—"The Cog."

Apply to Scripture lesson:

A. *Importance of Little Things.* As branch is part of vine, so cog is part of great machine. Vine needs branches, and tendrils, and leaves. (Picture stark, bare vine without branches or leaves.) Just so big machine needs every cog on every wheel. (Big printing press in window on Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. Big cog wheels on each side turn heavy rolls. One cog breaks, smashes others, whole machine stops, paper is delayed.)

B. *Boys and Girls Important in God's Plan.* Had this boy not followed Jesus, there would have been 5,000 hungry people. He gave what he had, Christ used his gift. Through his willingness to serve, many were blessed. Times have not changed so much; we can be blessings in many ways if we are willing to serve.

Prayer—That we may be useful; that we may develop our talents; that we may be blessings to others.

Topic Presentation—(Each division to furnish basis for talk to be prepared in advance of meeting. General discussion after each talk.)

The Cog is only a part of the whole; it cannot start or stop, vary its speed, or go into reverse just as it pleases. It moves with the rest of the machine which in turn obeys the will of some man. Men and women, boys and girls are Cogs in this great machine called the Universe which God has made and controls. We must obey, we must take our place. We do not control the machine, we are not the machine, we are only a *part* of the machine, each one a Cog.

Furthermore, each one is:

1. *A Small Part.* This teaches humility. No cog is equal in size or important to the whole machine, nor to the person who controls it. No human Cog dare think he is more valuable or important than his fellow-Cog. Nor may he claim for himself more attention, praise, or reward.

2. *A Necessary Part.* This teaches responsibility. If even one tooth or cog is broken from one of the wheels of your watch, it fails to run smoothly and keep good time. Though each cog is only a small part, and only one among many, yet each one is absolutely necessary. As a Cog you have your work to do. It may be humble work, but in God's great plan it is necessary work, and you are necessary to do it. No other Cog can do your work; each has his own task to fulfil.

3. *A Uniform Part.* This teaches carefulness and coöperation. Each cog is made to fit exactly into some other cog-wheel. If the cog wears and becomes small, or gets loose and misses the place it must fit into, or if dirt gets between the cogs so that there is no place for the other cogs to fit, then the machine breaks. If you allow your work to fall below your full ability, or if you neglect your own task because some other Cog's job looks nicer, or if you take other things into your life which prevent your doing the thing God has planned, then you throw the whole machine out of adjustment.

4. *An Active Part.* This teaches usefulness. Each cog fits into another cog-wheel so that it can move that other cog-wheel or be moved by it. Movement, turning, is the sole purpose for which it exists. No cog is made just to stand still, or look pretty. You're a Cog — are you active? Are you being moved by the power of God? And as you move are you passing that power on to other parts of the machine? A branch that doesn't bear fruit is cut off —a cog that for any reason fails to move and do its work is soon replaced.

5. *A Dependent Part* teaches our helpless-

ness with the Great Power. No cog has power in itself to move either itself or other cogs. Of itself it is helpless. Cogs in God's machine cannot do His work unless He supplies the power. We can't substitute other things for this power; not money, education, friends, nor social position. We need His power; and we get it from His word. We must be careful even in our church work that we do not put more faith in the machine than in the source of power.

General Discussion: (May be introduced by three-minute essays.)

1. How are we Cogs of the Church? By Baptism, by Confirmation, through Christ's Blood.
2. How are we working as Cogs? In the League? In the Sunday School? In the Church?
3. How can we work better? Sing, read, talk, pray, lead, invite, live.

Sentence Prayers:

Pray in unison *The Lord's Prayer.*

Hymn No. 382.

October 21, 1923.

FRESH AIR

Rev. Charles M. Teufel.

Scripture Lessons—Ecc. 11:7, Ps. 19:4-6.

THE MEETING.

Announce subject of meeting.

Sing "Sun of My Soul." (Note fact name given to Jesus, not Son but Sun. Why?)

Prayer—For an understanding of God's natural gifts for our health.

Scripture Lessons Read—Read or state following comment: The Scripture lessons may contain no direct reference to our subject but these do call attention to the source in the natural world of that which in our day has been discovered as a storehouse of great health aids—the sun rays. God placed light powers, heat powers in the sun but now we are learning even other blessings.

OPEN-AIR SCENES.

(Note that the scene of the open added to the influence of all these.)

Tell Ex. 20:18-21 and from this and following references prove statement made in the parenthesis above.

Tell 1 Kings 18:17-39, and Matt. 17:1-8, and Luke 6:12, and Acts 1:9-11.

THE VIGOR OF JESUS' BODY.

No body had a greater strain placed upon it than the body of Jesus and though He finally fell under the weight of carrying the Cross yet another man's body under similar circumstances had long before failed. We can believe in a human sense that much of this bodily vigor came to Jesus through His contact with the open air with its freshness. Take up the chapters of the Gospel of Matthew and show how many things Jesus did in the open fresh air. Be sure to trace this in some of the chapters and then list on a blackboard the different ways mentioned.

PROOF AS TO VALUE OF FRESH AIR.

The Indians had no knowledge of modern medicine that we have, yet the health of the Indian was fairly good. An Indian once was asked because he wore little clothing, "if he did not get cold." In reply he asked his white questioner if the latter's face became cold. The reply was "No." The Indian then said, "Indian all face."

The healthy months of the year in which fewer deaths occur are the outdoor months. Which? Why?

The present treatment of tuberculosis is really an outdoor, fresh-air treatment for the buildings used in the cure are often little more than shacks which the winds rock, or open porches attached to better buildings.

Our school rooms require a certain amount of fresh air space. Appoint an intermediate to report on the requirements. Churches, too, make much of a good ventilation system. (Dear Intermediate, never be an opponent of an open window in a church.)

AIDS TO USE OF FRESH AIR.

Breathing Exercises—Learn them, remembering that exhaling is as important as inhaling. What does this mean? Breathe deeply at open windows and in the open air. Call attention to some such exercises.

Draughts? Are you afraid of them. Outdoors draughts are called "delightful breezes." Keep the back of the neck warm and the nose open for business and draughts become friends.

Give the skin a chance to breathe! Too much clothing and too many flannels smother this channel for fresh air.

Night Air! Remember the only air anyone breathes at night is night air. (Have someone tell or write about the special value of night air.) Let the windows open in your bed-rooms while sleeping. The odors of closed bed-rooms are horrible.

The Sun-Rays! Consult some medical work to show the wonderful value of these rays and what use is being made of them. Let these get to the body. A sun bath is a real help.

The brisk walk or short deep-breathing run after poring over books and before retiring for the night will please the whole body and relax the tired mind.

When the wintry days come see that some time is spent in the open every day. Intermediates, however, generally do this but do more. Get this fresh air into the lungs.

Breathe. Don't just absorb without knowing it.

WHY THIS TOPIC?

Adopt the slogan, "No tubercular Intermediates!" God has too much hard work to do for any of us to permit ourselves to be less strong than we can be with the use of His mighty tonics for health.

Then let us be interested in the work being done to relieve those afflicted with tuberculosis. Enter a Christmas seal campaign for the Red Cross, or write Miss Marie Zierold, 745 Hill Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa., requesting Christmas seals for sale for the benefit of our Lutheran Sanitarium for the Tubercular in Colorado.

Intermediates should be examples of perfect health.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE TOPIC 1523 for October 28.

Assign ahead the parts to be called for in the following presentation: Have paragraph No. 1 of the topic read and then call on the one assigned to display a poster with 1523 as a foundation and a schoolhouse drawn upon it.

Also have a brief sketch of lives of Carlstadt and Munzer read. After paragraph No. 2 is read, have someone read the short paper prepared on subject, "The Use I Make of My Bible." After paragraph No. 3, ask question, "My Life a Written Epistle—How much Bible is read out of it?"

Sing, "O Word of God Incarnate." After paragraph No. 4 tell short story about The American Bible Society, and the Lutheran relation to it. After paragraph No. 5, short sketch of Melanchthon's life. After paragraph No. 6 explain use of a smoke-screen. After paragraph No. 7, in view of subject what should we do.

Sing Reformation section hymns. Memorize a Reformation collect.

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October 28, 1923.

—1523—

Rev. Charles D. Russel

Texts—2 Tim. 2:1-2; Isa. 28:10.

This year in Christian History presents several very interesting activities of the great Reformer, Martin Luther, which can only be briefly mentioned; his work in cooperation with Melanchthon of translating the Scriptures; his advice that the cloisters of the mendicants be utilized as schools for boys and girls and his zealous contention for good instruction and education for the youth, which was the initial step toward a widespread work of free public education; his courageous and forceful contentions against Carlstadt and Münzer and others who as misguided zealots were just then making more trouble for him than Rome. It was a year of decided advantage for the evangelical doctrine, the truth took deeper root, evangelical ministers were called, and the Mass in many places was abolished. These practical lessons seem to us to be worthy of mention:

We are reminded of the need and the value of God's Word in people's minds and lives. The need now is what Luther found then—to get people into possession of God's Word until they know it and love it and believe it and live it. We do not lack now an open Bible in the language of the people, but multitudes lack in desire to know God's truth, to read and study His Word, to wield the Sword of the Spirit. That movement then has resulted in the translation of the Bible into every known language and dialect, but even at that, there is woeful voluntary ignorance of the Word of God. Do you use your Bible?

It is to be noted that we too are interpreters of God's Word to the people. The oft-expressed truth needs to be grasped that the Bible people read most is Christians' lives, and we ought as Christians to try to make our life a true and helpful translation that exalts the values and advantages of His Word, of Christianity. And as that world understands the language of love and life better than theological statements, we ought to translate it into such terms for them.

This is all suggestive of how zealously diligent we ought to be in giving God's Word widest distribution. Our work is not like that of Luther and Melanchthon then, a work of translation, so much as it is a personal service of distribution. Be a personal evangelist. Support every board and institution that is organized and functioning in bringing Christ to the world and the world to Christ. Be a Christian loyalist.

We are reminded in this connection of the value of Christian coöperation. Combining their capacities, Luther and Melanchthon gave a very accurate translation of the Scriptures in the language of the people.

The best way to fight and defeat error is revealed in the way Luther met Carlstadt and Münzer—not with violent outburst that only helps in giving error wider publicity, but by talking and preaching and living God's Word.

We are reminded here that there is need in our times of souls who are loyal when it is difficult and unpopular to be loyal, souls of courage when it may mean cost and sacrifice, lives that are prepared for Christian service when real Christian leadership is needed. Determine to make your life worth more to Jesus Christ.

Junior Department

DEAR JUNIOR LEADERS:

If you have not already done so, plan immediately for the Junior Rally which is suggested in our Topics. (A suggested program, with a simple pageant and directions, will be found in the packet of Junior leaflets, which you can obtain from this office for 40 cents.)

The September programs, given in the August REVIEW, will be a good beginning for the winter's work. Home Missions in all its phases will be taught. Use the material in the packet.

The October Topics given here are important ones. First, there is one on "The Magic Box." Are your Juniors learning of the work with the colored folks? Are you planning to send gifts?

The next two topics are of vital interest. We are talking of Life Service a great deal in the League—we must begin with the Juniors. "Who Owns My Money?" and "Who Owns My Life?" are at the foundation of this objective. Teach these lessons well. Perhaps from *your* Junior League may come some future missionaries, ministers, deaconesses. It is not too soon to start the ten and eleven year olds thinking in this direction.

Junior Leaguers would not be *Luther* Leaguers if they did not learn something of our Church, its history and its doctrine. This information is incorporated in many of the topics, but we have, for the last October meeting, a program given over to this entirely. A Reformation meeting affords the opportunity of a public meeting, when you can invite the whole congregation and show what the Juniors are doing, and it is a good chance to teach more of the founder of our Church. Among the program packet leaflets is one giving a program for each one of your meetings. Follow the one for the Reformation meeting, and plan now for this.

The Junior Chairman has been attending summer schools and conventions, and it has been most encouraging to see the interest and the enthusiasm shown by those attending in the work of the children. The young people are seeing their responsibility in this work and assuming their opportunities as Junior leaders. May we increasingly measure up to our opportunities.

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE.

October 7, 1923.

"THE MAGIC BOX"

Follow program given in packet.

Study Chapter IV—"The Lost Pocketbook"—at this meeting.

If you have not already planned to do so, start to make a model mission plant of cardboard, and begin some Christmas work.

See the leaflet "The Magic Box" for additional hints on using this book.

Have a good story teller give the story as found in the book.

One of the Senior Leaguers may help you.

October 14, 1923.

"WHO OWNS MY MONEY?"

Bible Lesson—Some Stories of Money in the Bible.

Prepared by Miss Laura Wade Rice.
(Juniors read references.)

All money is made by using something God has made.

Even our brains were made by Him.

Jesus told of the man who went to a far country and trusted his servants with his goods.

So for all we have we must give account to God. (Deut. 8:10, 11, 17, 18; Prov. 10:22.)

Jesus told a story of a man who grew rich because his field bore good crops. (Luke 12:16-18.)

He did not say, "I did not do this, it was God who sent the sunshine and rain, what does He want me to do with it? Are any of my neighbors hungry? Does God's work anywhere need help?"

He could have done wonderful things.

Instead he built barns. (Luke 12:19-21.)

What shall we do with our money—use it for ourselves or for God? (I Tim. 6:17-19.)

But you say, I am not rich.

Even so, all you have comes from God.

He giveth us all things richly to enjoy and to use in helping others. (Deut. 16:17; Acts 20:35; Matt. 10:8; II Cor. 9:7.)

Lesson Stories.—1. Only Pennies for Jesus.

Martha May was a girl who had almost everything she wanted.

She had loving parents, and a beautiful home, and fine clothes.

Her fond father always gave her money that was "her very own," with which she might do as she pleased.

Martha May loved ice cream, and so she

spent 15 cents very many times for ice cream.

She loved pretty things, too, and there was nothing she liked better than to go shopping with her aunt.

She loved pretty hair ribbons, and so often her money went for pink, or yellow, or blue ribbons, and often even a whole half dollar went for a new ribbon.

She liked candy, of course, too, and many dimes went for candy.

Yet there was a funny thing about Martha May!

When she went to Sunday School she always took her purse with her, and when the offering basket came around she always dropped in—a penny.

And her offering box which the teacher had given out in the Junior League to be brought back again at Thanksgiving lay in the corner of the shelf in her room, with just a few pennies she had carelessly dropped into it when she received it, and that was all.

She had nickels for ice cream, and half dollars for new hair ribbons, and dimes for candy, but when it came to sending the Gospel to those who do not have it, she gave pennies—she had only pennies for Jesus!

I wonder how many are like Martha May?

II. The Story of the Pink Parasol.

It was in the window of the big store.

There it stood, among others, white, blue, and some with flowers on them; but this was a larger one, and it was pink, and Betty loved pink more than any other color.

It would just match her new summer dress.

She stopped and looked at it every day on her way to school, and it seemed that there was nothing in the world that Betty wanted more than that pink parasol.

In the beginning of spring mother had told her that if she helped her do the dishes regularly, and do the errands cheerfully, she thought she ought to earn some vacation money in that way, and she would give her 25 cents a week.

And immediately when Betty saw the pink parasol, she made up her mind that *that* was what she was going to buy with that money!

By the end of June, just about the time when one needed parasols, Betty had $2 saved, and the parasol cost $2.25!

Just one week more and she would have it.

But the last Sunday of June, when Betty went to Junior League, the superintendent had given them little envelopes, gaily decorated with little pictures of Japanese children, and Eskimo children, and Indians, and the cunning little immigrant children, and the teacher explained how these little children needed the Gospel message, and how during the summer they should put into these envelopes some sacrifice gift—something they had given up, and that in the fall then they would send this to help all the children of the world.

Betty did not know what to do.

She loved to learn about these children, and she did want to help them.

As she said her prayers that evening she was so thankful that the Lord Jesus came to help little children.

And she was so thankful for her home, and parents, and all the good things she had.

And she wanted to show it.

But she did love that pink parasol, too.

What was she to do?

She thought about it for several days.

She walked down to the store and looked again at the parasol.

And then she walked home.

There in her litle desk was the envelope.

She looked at the little children, and thought of all the things she had, and thought of what they needed.

She thought of the thing they needed most—the story of Jesus.

When she went to Junior League next Sunday, she carried with her the envelope.

And it was not empty.

She had made a sacrifice—in it was the $2.25 with which she had intended to buy the pink parasol.

III. Nothing to Give.

Roger was a poor boy.

His mother supported herself and her two children—Roger and his little sister—by sewing.

Roger helped out at the village store after school so he might help his mother.

The Junior League superintendent was already talking about Thanksgiving, and they were planning to take a Thanksgiving dinner to a very poor family who had just come to the village.

The father of this family had just died, and there were five little children.

Each one of the Juniors was to bring something, if possible.

Now, Roger wanted to help, but he did not know how he was going to do so.

It would be a hard enough matter to have a Thanksgiving dinner of any kind at his own home.

So he began to think what he might do.

Next Sunday when he went to Junior League this is what he said:

"I haven't anything to give but a big bundle of wood which I have cut and gathered from the woods, but that will help them build the fire for their dinner.

"And I can't give more than this, but I will go round and help get together all the things which we will send, and I will see that they are packed together, and that

they are taken to the family." (They lived at the other end of the village, and it meant a long walk.)

And the teacher saw this gift was bigger than money—for it was service.

And she took it, and she told all the Church Council about it when they met at their meeting that week.

And they, hearing about it, became interested.

They asked about the family, and found they were very poor indeed.

"Why, I will be glad to send them a load of wood," said one.

"I will send them some dresses and warm coats for the children, so they can go to school," said another, who had the village store.

"And I will see that they have groceries and some things to eat until the mother can get work," said another.

It finally was settled by the church looking after the whole family until they could be well cared for by their own work.

And it was all started by a little boy who had "nothing to give."

4. Superintendent's Talk.

The superintendent should close these stories with a few words concerning giving and the right use of money.

October 21, 1923.

WHO OWNS MY LIFE?

Bible Lesson.—Two Servants of Jesus, Paul and Timothy.

Prepared by Miss Laura Wade Rice
(Have Juniors read references.)

We often read about heroes and martyrs.

A boy who lived in Lystra named Timothy saw one and became his friend.

This is what Timothy saw. (Acts 14:8-21.)

Paul came back to Lystra.

No wonder he became the boy's hero, and that Paul's great Hero, Jesus Christ, became Timothy's Lord.

The boy gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ.

He was like a son to Paul, who wrote him two letters. (II Tim. 1:1-7, 3:14-17.)

Timothy chose to be a preacher, and, though he was young and timid at first, he became "a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

By and by he became a missionary traveling with Paul.

One day, because of this, he found himself in prison.

Was he sorry he had given his life to his Saviour?

No, God owned his life, and when he was set free he kept on using it for Him.

Paul, as soon as he knew Jesus, said, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Paul calls himself the bond-slave of Christ, "bought with a price." (I Cor. 6:19, 20.)

Peter, frightened at first, and denying Jesus, knew who owned him, for he wrote—I Peter 1:18, 19, 8; II Cor. 5:14, 15; I Thess. 5:10.

Because, if Christ had not died to set you free, you would have been Satan's slave.

He bought you, He owns you, will you use your lives for yourselves—or for Him? (Rev. 5:9, 10.)

LESSON STORIES. I. SOME CHILDREN WHO BECAME MISSIONARIES.

A boy sat in Sunday School while his teacher talked about the heathen world and how it needed the Gospel.

He went home and prayed that God would take him for a missionary.

James Chalmers became a great missionary.

A little girl sat with her geography book before her.

They were studying about India.

The teacher, while she taught the lesson, told them, too, of the heathen religions which the people believed.

The little girl was wonderfully impressed.

And Eliza Agnew—for that was the little girl—when she grew up went to Ceylon and became known as "the mother of a thousand daughters"—so many girls did she train to carry the Gospel to the people in that land.

An old pastor was visiting in a home.

He laid his hand on the head of the little curly haired boy.

"I wish you could give me Coley for a missionary," he said to his mother.

The little boy heard, and when a little older decided he wanted to be a worker.

And Bishop Coleridge Patteson was one of the tremendous powers of his Church in spreading the Gospel in dark lands.

Our own Dr. Anna Kugler when a little girl ten years old heard an address by a missionary, and straightway made up her mind that she wanted to be a missionary.

She studied to be a missionary doctor.

And when she grew up she went out to India, to do the wonderful work of healing the sick and preaching the Gospel, which she has carried on for so many years.

II. A BOY WHO BECAME A PREACHER.

A little barefoot, ragged, dirty boy was pulled out from behind a store box and coaxed to go to Sunday School by a little girl.

No one, not even the little girl herself, thought he would go.

And no one ever thought he would come again.

But he did.

And he gave his life to Jesus.

He resolved to do the Lord's work.

Dwight L. Moody, who became a preacher, was that boy.

(Superintendent or one of the older lead-

ers might find some additional facts concerning the work of Moody to tell at this point.)

And he served the Lord, who owned his life, not only by preaching, but by helping boys who were hiding behind store boxes like he did when a boy, who had no homes, who needed a kind word and a kindly smile.

He gathered people together from the streets and showed them the way to Life Eternal.

He built a large school where poor boys might receive an education.

And in it all he was giving back to the Lord the life he owed Him.

III. A Little Girl's Gift.

There was a little ten year old girl whom everybody loved.

She was happy and cheerful and loving all the day, because she loved the Lord. She knew He owned her life.

She spread sunshine wherever she went.

When she grew up she said she wanted to go to Japan and be a missionary there. Because God owned her life she wanted to use it for Him.

But when she was eleven years old she fell ill with typhoid fever.

Kind nurses, a fine doctor, all that loving care could do, was of no help.

She died.

Then the people in the church remembered how she had wanted to be a missionary.

They said, "Cannot we start some work in Japan that will keep alive her life's ambition?"

And so they started.

They planned a kindergarten in Japan.

One of the organizations decided to pay for the teacher, enlisting others to help in this.

Another organization decided to pay for part of the furniture.

The Junior League decided to send pictures, and crayons, and cards, and all the equipment regularly.

Even the little Beginners' Department said they wanted to help, and they decided to save their lesson papers instead of taking them home, and sending them.

And a little girl's gift to the Lord who owned the life He took back again was a little kindergarten for Japanese tots in the Land of the Cherry Blossoms.

4. Superintendent's Talk.

The superintendent should make use of this opportunity to lead the children to think of what they will do with their lives.

She should impress on them the thought that they are the future workers, and that they might become the future missionaries and ministers and church leaders.

Claim these Juniors for the Lord's work.

October 28, 1923.

REFORMATION MEETING

Bible Story.—The Lost Book.

Prepared by Miss Laura Wade Rice
(Have Juniors read references.)

You would have thought it a roll of music well wrapped in cloth.

No one had seen it for many years.

It lay in the Holiest Place in the Temple, and the kings of Judah had worshiped idols, and the vessels used in their service to the idols were kept in God's house.

The Temple was full of rubbish and the land was full of altars to strange gods on high places and under green trees.

Some people's hearts were sad, but they did not know where the Lost Book was, and not being able to read they had no copy of their own, so they did not know whether they were obeying God or not.

Judah had a new king, eight years old Josiah, and his sturdy little heart was set on obeying God. (II Kings 22:1-7.)

When they cleaned up they found the Book. (Verses 8-13.)

Only Huldah, the prophetess, had kept close enough to God to help them.

The book told of dreadful curses on those who disobeyed. (Verses 14 to 20; chapter 23:1-4, 21-25.)

Obeying this book will keep our country safe.

Will *you* read and obey it?

Lesson Stories.—(Note for the leader.)

Have you saved your Reviews for 1922?

If so, go over them and select some of the stories of Luther which are given there each month in dramatic form, and use these.

The Juniors love to act out stories.

Or get a copy of "Martin of Mansfeld"—65 cents—and use the stories there. See the Program Packet leaflet with programs for each meeting.

THE SOCIAL MEETING

(*Continued from page* 14)

Each person is asked to find the table representing the month of his birth.

Each group is expected to put on a stunt typical of the month.

Other September Hints.

September is the month for hikes and wiener roasts.

Pick out a suitable destination both in regard to distance and natural beauty.

Have the boys see to the fire.

Sing songs as you hike along.

A new idea for hikes is this:

Meet at the church, and divide into two parties. The first party proceeds twenty minutes ahead of the second. A trail is made—white confetti can be used. The second party follows them and trails them.

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

Information *Inspiration*

30th Annual Convention

Luther League of Pennsylvania

First Ev. Lutheran Church, Ridgway, Pa.

Rev. Luther A. Krouse, Pastor

September 11th, 12th and 13th, 1923

Speakers and Conferences that are worth while

"Come and join us"

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Luther League of Pennsylvania
1551 West Market St. York, Pa.

For Reservations
Rev. LUTHER A. KROUSE
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GENERAL

The August number of *The American Lutheran Survey* contains articles by Rev. Howard R. Gold, Prof. Dr. T. W. Kretschmann, Prof. Dr. C. Stange, of Goettingen, Prof. Dr. H. Offerman, Prof. Dr. G. Kittel, of Greifswald, Dr. Richards, Mr. F. E. Johnson, Rev. P. N. Wohlsen, Mr. Arthur Johnson, Rev. W. Tappert, Rev. C. Betz, Rev. E. W. Hammer, and others.

Luther League of Pennsylvania

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania will be held at Ridgway, Pa., September 11th, 12th, and 13th in the First Lutheran Church, of which Rev. Luther A. Krouse is the pastor.

The convention theme will be "Finding Our Objective," with the sub heads of "Education, Missions, Life Service."

Among the speakers and those who will present papers are: P. Walter Banker, President, Luther League of America; Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America; Rev. Carl A. Sundberg, D.D., President of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.; Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder, Roanoke, Va.; Rev. F. F. Bachman, D.D., Superintendent, Mary J. Drexel Home and Mother House, Philadelphia; George M. Jones, Esq., Reading; Rev. Charles M. Teufel, Woodlawn; Rev. Charles P. McLaughlin, D.D., Pittsburgh; Rev. G. A. Portz, Wheeling, W. Va., Life Service Secretary, Luther League of America; Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, Norristown, Chairman, Junior Committee Luther League of America; Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.

In addition to the excellent program that has been provided there will be a number of social features that have been arranged by the local committee. From reports that have been received by the committee in charge of arrangements this will be one of the best conventions in the history of the State Organization.

Full information regarding details of the program can be secured from the Executive Secretary, M. Haller Frey, 1551 West Market street, York, Pa.

Reservations are to be made through Rev. Luther A. Krouse, 329 South street, Ridgeway, Pa.

Report of Annual Convention of the Greensburg District Luther League

The Greensburg District Luther League held its annual convention in the Penn Lutheran Church, Penn, Pa., Friday, June 29, 1923.

Twelve leagues were represented by thirty-four delegates, and there were in attendance fifty-six visitors, seven pastors and five officers, making a total registration of 102.

The devotional services were in charge of the Convention Chaplain, Rev. H. Reed Shepfer, of Delmont, Pa.

The address of welcome was delivered by E. Leroy Nelson, President of the Penn League, and the response was given by Prof. John C. Haberlin, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Vice-President of the District League.

After the business session, at which time reports of officers were received, committees appointed, and reports from the State and National Conventions were given, the convention theme, "The Luther League a Training School for Service," was taken up. The first subdivision of the subject, "The Junior League," was presented by Jane M. Truxal, Greensburg, Pa. Rev. Chas. M. Teufel, of Woodlawn, Pa., presented the second sub-division, "The Intermediate League." Discussion of these two subdivisions was postponed for lack of time.

After a delightful noon meal served by the ladies of the Penn Church, the convention opened its second session at 1:30. Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Shepfer, after which the business of the convention was again taken up. Reports of committees were received. The election was then held, which resulted as follows:

President, Frank I. Bossart, Greensburg, Pa.; first vice-president, Rev. G. L. Himmelman, Jeanette, Pa.; second vice-president, John C. Haberlin, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; recording secretary, Jane M. Truxal, Greensburg, Pa.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. C. Landis, Latrobe, Pa.; treasurer and statistician, Hazel Harman, Youngwood, Pa.

Delegates to State Convention: Hazel Harman, Jane M. Truxal.

The third sub-division of the theme, "The Senior League," was then presented by Mr. D. A. Kommel, President of the Pittsburgh District Luther League and Chairman Executive Committee of the Luther League of Pennsylvania.

Discussions of the three sub-divisions of the theme were engaged in by a number of the delegates, pastors and visitors.

At this period a Boys' and Girls' Conference was held in the Methodist Church of Penn, under authority of a committee of the Pittsburgh Synod, which conference was conducted by Rev. Charles M. Teufel and Rev. H. F. Obenauf, of the Pittsburgh District.

A paper on "What Shall I Render to the District League?" was then presented by Lewis Hetzel, of Connellsville, Pa., and some discussion had.

The convention then adjourned.

The evening session opened at 7:15. After the devotional services conducted by Rev. F. C. Martin, of Greensburg, Pa., the Penn League presented a delightful pageant, "Luther's Coat-of-Arms."

The convention then adjourned with the usual closing services.

At the business session, on recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions, the District League voted to contribute $25 to the Foreign Mission Forward Fund, now being raised by the United Lutheran Church.

PENNSYLVANIA

BERKS DISTRICT

Friday, July 20, was a red letter day in the history of Berks County Lutheranism. On that day was held at Carsonia Park near Reading a picnic, arranged and directed by the Berks District Luther League, and attended by over three thousand people.

The special guests of honor at this picnic were 141 boys and girls from the Lutheran Orphan Home at Topton. These children were adopted for the day by the various delegations representing the different churches and leagues of the district; games and amusements were arranged for them, two picnic meals served for them, and all the amusements of the park provided free for them by the park management.

Games and contests of all kinds filled up every minute, with prizes for the winners, and at the close of the picnic the picnickers massed at the entrance of the park to listen to an inspiring address by George M. Jones, Esq.

The affair will be held annually.

TEXAS

The State Luther League of the Texas Synod held its third annual meeting in Yoakum, Texas, June 24, 1923.

A business session opened the convention. At the afternoon session an inspiring address was made by the Rev. F. F. Eberhardt, of Cuero, Texas. The Rev. J. C. Pfenninger, missionary pastor at Victoria, preached at the evening session, at which time the officers were also installed.

The convention will meet next year at Shiner, Texas.

WISCONSIN

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Luther League of the State of Wisconsin was held in the First English Lutheran Church, Platteville, on June 26-28. After the opening devotion, in charge of Rev. R. R. Doering, Pastor Loci, Dr. M. J. Bieber presented the theme of the convention in his inspiring address upon the subject of "Life Service." The address of welcome was given by Vice-President Steinhoff, of the local league, and response was made by State President Geo. W. Rapps, of Milwaukee. An additional feature of the evening program was noted in the effectively encouraging speech by the General Secretary, Mr Harry Hodges. The business session on Wednesday morning was begun with a devotional service in charge of Rev. Beates, of Milwaukee, after which the routine of reports by officers and committees and the appointment of new committees followed. The invitation to hold the 1924 State Convention at the Church of the Atonement, Racine, was accepted and the report of the Wisconsin delegation to the National Convention at York was heard. Mr. Harry Huffman, of the Church of the Incarnation, Milwaukee, emphazised the work of the Gospel ministry and the ministry of mercy in his paper on "Life Service as a Vocation," and Miss Carolyn Brietzke, of the Church of the Atonement, Racine, showed how to use spare moments in the interest of Christ's Kingdom, through her paper on "Life Service as an Avocation." Rev. W. W. Kennerly, of Milwaukee, led the devotional service with which the Wednesday afternoon session was opened. At this session local and state league problems were considered; the Luther League Sustaining Membership plan was explained by Mr. Hodges; the Standards of Excellence of the New York and Ohio State Leagues were discussed and referred to a committee for further study, and the advisability of holding the 1925 National Luther League Convention in Milwaukee was

considered favorably. After adjournment of the afternoon session the delegates visited the site of Wisconsin's first State Capitol and enjoyed a picnic supper on one of the beautiful and interesting mounds of southwestern Wisconsin. A sudden storm prevented the picnic party which had been planned for the evening session, but allowed for a social hour in the basement of the church. Devotional service conducted by Rev. Beates opened the last session of the convention on Thursday morning when committee reports were received. By vote of the convention fourteen of New York State's fifteen points of excellence were adopted. A committee of one was appointed for the State's Missionary Objective and the convention proceeded to election. The following officers will serve for the coming year: President, Rev. W. W. Kennerly, Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee; vice-president, Carl Tambert, Church of the Resurrection, Milwaukee; recording secretary, Caroline Niebling, St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa; corresponding secretary, Viola Shaeffer, Church of the Resurrection, Milwaukee; treasurer, Ernest Steinhoff, Platteville; member of executive committee, Rev. J. F. Fedders, Lake Park Church, Milwaukee. President Kennerly appointed Rev. Doering as extension committee chairman, and Miss Brietzke as junior work chairman. By vote of the convention, Rev. Kennerly was declared as Wisconsin fraternal delegate to the convention of the Eastern District of the Norwegian Luther League which will be held in Milwaukee in August. An appropriate prayer and benediction by Rev. Beates concluded one of the best and most hopeful conventions of the Wisconsin State Luther League.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

June 15, 16, 17, 19.

R. K. Lampe, President.

IOWA

NEVADA,

From the time President Alvin Nelson met us at the station until we saw the lights of Nevada fade away in the distance, we enjoyed the convention. More delegates present this year than we have had at some conventions—and less than we have had at others.

Friday—The delegates convened Friday morning and following devotions by our president, Miss Johnson, we received a cordial address of welcome from our synodical president's son, Altman Swihart. To this Miss Inez Fitch, of Cedar Rapids, responded. Then we heard the president's annual address, which was in the usual form of a yearly report and which briefly sketched a number of matters to be worked out at the convention and during the coming year.

Friday afternoon's devotional services were conducted by Mitchell Wherry of Fernald. Carl Johansen (Burlington) gave us an interesting talk on "The Real Purpose of a League." Muscatine's delegates had been unable to come, but a splendid paper by one of their leaguers on "The Missionary Spirit in the League" was read by Vice-President Earl Hansen. This was followed by "The Life Service Spirit in the League" by Miss Ruth Leamer of Clinton.

Altman Swihart (Nevada) next gave us a saxophone solo. Our genial General Secretary Harry Hodges told us of the York Convention with a sketch of its outstanding results, telling also of a few of the plans for the Luther League of America in the near future and explaining the sustaining membership idea. Reports were given by the Index, Extension and Standards committees, and by the treasury and corresponding secretary. Quite a discussion on the proposed local league standard, and the matter was tabled until Saturday afternoon.

After a brief introductory service, Rev. J. J. Gent, of Ft. Madison, delivered the Convention Address, basing his talk on the question "Is Science an Aid to a Better Understanding of the Bible?" Next, duets by two of our friends from Roland; then the evening's reception.

Saturday—Saturday morning Helen Leamer, of Des Moines, took charge of the devotions. "The Child Labor Problem" was presented by Pearl Anderson, of Cedar Rapids"; "The Spirit of Lawlessness in America To-day" by Flossie Memler, of Iowa City, and a paper written by Donald Durand, of Des Moines, on "The Negro Question of To-day" was read by Helen Leamer. An interesting discussion followed, more or less informal, in which was mentioned the colored girl with rouge on her cheeks, the farmer boy with but 180 days' schooling a year, and the American dislike for rules and regulations. Business as usual; the principal item being the setting of the dues for the coming year at five cents per member per month.

Mr. Hodges began the afternoon session with a most inspiring devotional service and followed this with a talk on the new departments in the Luther League of America. The various local leagues reported in an engaging style and many of the delegates took part in the round table discussion following. The standard was again discussed, and after several changes adopted. Our annual election followed.

Sunday—Sunday school Sunday morning, with most of the leaguers in attendance. The Convention Sermon was delivered at the morning worship by our synodical president (who was also the local pastor), Dr. C. N. Swihart. Installation of the new officers by Dr. Swihart afterwards.

Among the resolutions passed at the Sunday evening session were resolutions expressing disapproval of Sunday evening "movies," and upholding the Eighteenth Amendment.

STANDARD FOR IOWA LOCAL LUTHER LEAGUES

1. The holding of devotional meetings, preferably weekly, but at least monthly, at which the Luther League topics are used.
2. Average attendance to be at least fifty per cent. of the resident members.
3. Every active member taking part at least once each quarter.
4. Regular monthly business and social meetings at least nine months of the year.
5. The cause of the ministry and the diaconate to be presented at least once a year to the League. This shall be a definite appeal for recruits.
6. One hundred per cent. of the active members reading the Bible daily.
7. One hundred per cent. of the active members weekly church attendants.
8. Letters from Synodical League officers answered promptly.
9. Synodical Luther League dues paid quarterly.
10. At least one delegate to all Iowa Luther League conventions.

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The keeping of any seven of these points shall entitle a league to be termed a "*Standard League.*"

The keeping of all ten shall place a league on the "*Banner Roll.*"

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.

When men fail you, read Psalm 27.

When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.

When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.

Before church service, read Psalm 84.

When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.

When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.

When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.

When you are discouraged, read Isa. 40.

If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.

When doubts come upon you, try John 7:17.

When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.

When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.

For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.

For James' idea of religion, read James 1:19-27.

When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.

When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39.

When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.

When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.

When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.

When you want Christian assurance, read Rom. 8:1-30.

For Paul's secret of happiness, read Col. 3:12-17.

When you leave home for labor or travel, Psalm 121.

When you grow bitter or critical, read I Corinthians 13.

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, Psalm 67.

For Paul's idea of Christianity, read II Cor. 5:15-19.

For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, Romans 12.

When you think of investments and returns, Mark 10:17-31.

For a great invitation and a great opportunity, Isa. 55.

For Jesus' idea of prayer, Luke 11:1-13, Matthew 6:5-15.

For the prophet's picture of worship that counts, Isa. 58:1-12.

For the prophet's idea of religion, Isa. 1:10-18, Mic. 6:6-8.

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